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"Portage High School; it's pride, passion and power."
Tara Ellis, 12

Everybody in PHS is UNique. From the classes we take, the sports we play, and the clubs we join, we all have somthing to be proud of. We all have something we can take away from our experiences that truely make our school... UNbelievable!

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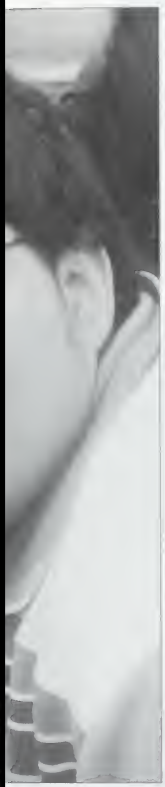

"PHS is a terribly wonderful place to be. The students and people make it a decent place to be in."

Eric Curbow, 11

Portage High School offers many opportunities for students to express their own UNique, individual interests. No matter what it is that sparks your interest, when we all come together, we're UNiquely UNbelievable!

Junior Eric Curbow poses for a picture with his secret pal, social studies teacher Michelle Goebel. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Ike Perez, 11 and Aramis Johnson, 12
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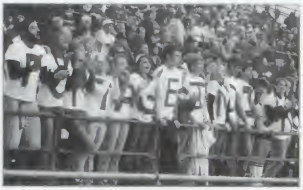
Junior Tarra Motton works on the junior class homecoming float. The float featured a giant cardboard Trojan horse that had been "destroyed" by the Indians. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

A group of seniors spelling out "PORTAGE INDIANS" support the football team by superfanning at homecoming. This year's seniors won every category for spirit week, including the spirit stick. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*



Seniors Caressa Rospierski and Nick Rutherford pose for a picture during the Homecoming Dance. The dance was held in the West Cafeteria the Saturday after the game. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Junior Nick Scott gladly pies teacher and coach, Rob Kania, in the face as Kania had the most votes for National Honor Society's "Pie a Teacher in the Face" contest. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

What made you laugh. . .

"The funniest thing that made me laugh was spirit week! Everyone dressed up like their favorite super heroes. The funniest part of the whole thing was when I saw Batman and the Joker fighting in the middle of the hallway."

Alexandra Bustos, 10

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HOMECOMING

Homecoming brings in new activities, events

School spirit was flowing through the stands as the Indian Football team prepared to play against the Chesterton Trojans.

"That was the biggest student section I have ever seen at a Portage game who actually stood up the whole game," junior Jeremy Anderson said.

Junior girls celebrated their victory of the powder puff game.

"Practice for powder puff was pretty extreme, I have so much respect for those football players, it was 100% worth it in the end," junior Julie Dube said.

Both old and new super heroes, such as Recycle girl, Indian hero and even Guitar hero came to the scene.

"My favorite part of spirit week was the costume Pablo Garcia had for super hero day. He was the orange hulk guy," sophomore Cristiana Comacho said.

Soon came the pep rally. Seniors won the spirit stick, making them four-year champs. The poms girls also showed off their moves at the pep rally.

"I enjoyed seeing the poms girls dance, they got their juke on; it's nice when you can see some quality dancing like that for free," senior Damien Torres said.

Finally the game brought tears and anger on the field as the team coped with their loss. The game ended with a losing score of 28 to 31. However, the team came together and held their heads high with true Indian spirit.

Story by Gigi Chavez

Senior Kelly Robbins and Senior Jacob Cook have a father-son moment on stage as Kelly stands in his apron. This is Robbins' fourth year participating in a school production.
Photo by Rachel Jordon

What was the most **UNbelievable** *moment?*

"It was Unbelievably fun to be a part of the new theater director's showing; because when I come back I can say I was a part of it."

Jesse Garibaldi, 12

"When Kelly Robbins improved with saying 'These darn light bulbs!'"

Eric Ewing, 11

"It was Unbelievable being on stage knowing everyone was looking at me it made me so nervous and really excited."

Erin Connelly, 10

"Everyone worked so hard especially on the choking scene; when Jim chokes his dad [it] was so intense it was unbelieveable."

Megan Valentish, 9

FALL PLAY

Unacceptably Rebellious

Rebel Without a Cause was brought to the stage for this year's fall play. It was based on the 1955 film staring James Dean and Natalie Wood. A talented cast of 29 students came together to bring the drama to life.

The dramatic production was directed by Kevin Giese, the new fall play director, and supervised by William Bodnar.

"Mr. Giese has such a passion for this production. It's like his baby; and Mr. Bodnar of course gives amazing direction," sophomore Morgan Jackson said.

It was a play about three mid 1950's teens looking for love and acceptance.The roles of Jim Stark and Judy Brown were played by senior Jacob Cook and sophomore Morgan Jackson. Junior Alex Acosta landed the role of the mentally-unstable Plato. "Alex Acosta was my favorite. He made me want to hug him; he was too cute," Junior McQueen said.

A storyline was of a young man, Jim Stark, who is constantly getting into trouble because of his ineffectual parents, played by senior Kelly Robbins and sophomore Courtney Mason.

"I would have liked to see some marriage counseling for Jims parents," Junior Zachary Vaughan said.

In search of love, Jim stumbles upon Judy in the new school he is attending as a result to his most recent move. Stark is then introduced to another character, John "Plato" Crawford, who befriends him and is greatly influenced by him. Jim shows Plato what a friend truly is.

"Don't look at the play as a work of art, don't look at it as a play, look at it as a human condition, because acting isn't acting, it's the art of reacting which separates a good actor from an okay actor," Senior Kelly Robbins said.

Story by Gigi Chavez

Buzz Gunderson, played by Stephan Holland and Jim Stark, played by Jacob Cook, knife brawled it out to prove whose was the chicken. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Showing that the cast is one big family, senior Nessa Junyanid helps her fellow senior, Amanda Alasauskas out with her costume right before running the show. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Sophomore Morgan Jackson and Senior Jacob Cook star as Judy and Jim Stark. This was Jackson's and Cook's first appearance on stage as they were lucky enough to be awarded with the lead roles. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

The amusement of a Circus

Hurry hurry step right up to see Jack Collier's imagination of a chic vintage circus theme dance. A 1920's inspiration with a circus tent, imagery, cages, freak shows, popcorn and cotton candy.

"I would describe the dance as a collective effort of unique ideas put together for Portage High School." Senior Jack Coller said.

The circus bonanza began with a freak show performance by the Poms team. "The performance was great – it really felt like the circus was about to begin." Freshman Vivian Chavez said.

Quickly after the performance the dance floor was jamming with students.

"The best part about the dance was seeing other people try to dance; but, the most fond memory I'm going to always remember is sharing my first slow dance with my beautiful date." Junior John Vasquez said.

The student council team worked hard and efficient to make this vision possible.

"Jack Collier is very different. He had this crazy vision of a circus theme dance that no one else could really understand and it came together perfectly," junior Diana Bernal said.

Story by Gigi Chavez

What made the night **UNforgettable**

1. "I enjoyed being with my friends, and will always remember going to my first dance with my girlfriend" Junior Dustin Edwards said.

2. "I had a awesome time dancing with my friends and how sweet we looked dressed up." Sophomore Alex Carrasco said.

3. "It was a different experience it wasnt really a Christmas dance because of the theme," Senior Mark Woolum said.

4. "I really liked the set up of the dance but the not the music too much," Senior Amber Riley said.

5."The most unforgettable part was dancing to Party in the USA with the guys. We all had a blast," Willy Carson.

Seniors Stephanie Bedalow and Carissa West dance the night away with their dates, senior Corey Garzella and junior Christian Papageorge. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Juniors Cody Logston and Haley Weathers embrace each other during a picture at the Winter Ball. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Seniors Seiche Dogan, Jesse Garibaldi, and Stephanie Tyrka pose for a picture before going to get refreshments. At the "Vintage Circus" theme dance, they offered things such as cotten candy and popcorn. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Senior Alfonso Rodiguez, junior Joe Rodiguez and eighth grader Emmanuel Rodiquez pose together on their family vacation to Las Vegas, Nevanda. *Photo provided by Alfonso Rodiguez*

Senior Casey Smith poses for a picture while studying abroad last summer in Spain. *Photo provided by Casey Smith*

Seniors Stephanie Tyrka, Seiche Dogan, Carissa West, and Stephanie Bedalow hold on and scream for dear life as they ride the "Rock 'N' Rollercoaster" at Disney World in Florida. The four senior girls spent their last high school spring break enjoying the nice weather and entertainment at Disney World. *Photo provided by Stephanie Bedalow*

Senior Melissa Martinez poses with a steel baby hippopotamus at a park in New Buffolo, Michigan. Martinez traveled to Michigan for spring break to just get away and see a new environment. Martinez also went to visit colleges to see their campus's during her vacation. *Photo provided by Melissa Martinez*

Your vacation was...

One of the more interesting trips that were taken by a student was done during the summer vacation before school started. Senior Casey Smith took a trip to Spain to expand his knowledge further about the culture. He spent two months attending school, site seeing and making new friends halfway around the world.

"My trip to Spain was phenominal. I thought leaving for Spain was going to be one of the hardest parts. The hardest part was actually coming back home to the United States and leaving everything and everyone who had been in my life for two months over 4000 miles away. I definitely plan on returning to Spain some time in my life."

Casey Smith, 12

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VACATIONS

Going on UNiversal Adventures

Spring break: The moment most vacation junkies look forward to. The beaches, the parties and the pre summer glow; nothing is better than the spring break arrival after harsh winter months.

"I went to Florida with Zack Vaughan and Maverick Miller and they both wore their pink Speedos. That was pretty interesting! While we were out there we got massive tans and saw dolphins, we also stole a Jellyfish. Is that illegal?" junior Tori Vaughan said.

Although staying warm, getting a tan and acting goofy are usually the typical ideal vacation, some students went to explore the beauty that the earth has to offer.

"My break was very special. I spent it with Alex Thomson and we went to Pigeon Forge in Tennessee. We saw all the beautiful waterfalls in the Smokey Mountains and hiked. It's definitely something I will always remember," junior Eric Zimmerman said.

Adventure is always the way to go to spice up a trip and that's exactly what some students did.

"I went to Barbados. I swam with the turtles, went zip lining, jet skiing and went in a submarine. I never expected to go in one before, it was so scary and crazy, but I enjoyed it," sophomore Alexis Johnson said.

Story by Gigi Chavez

This year's Outstanding Young Man, senior Evan Dominguez, reacts after receiving the title. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Senior Alex Yong performs his talent routine for the crowd at the Outstanding Young Man competition. Yong performed and sang to a revised version of Taylor Swift's "You Belong With Me." *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

What was the most **UNbelievable** *moment?*

"The most nerve-wrecking part was being asked the questions by Mr. Mahns and Officer Troy."

John Lehman, 12

"The funniest moment was watching John Lehman dance with his big hair."

Chris Schreirer, 12

"I will always remember the friendships, how long it took us to practice and how it was all put together into a great show."

Kyle Adkins, 12

"The funniest thing about OYM was watching Eric Lee stop in the middle of the dance and stare at everyone awkwardly."

Keenan Ruzga, 12

Participants compete to the music of Michael Jackson; Dominguez named OYM

From dancing backstage to Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror", to cracking jokes about everything that happened before the big night, the participants of Outstanding Young Man thoroughly enjoyed every moment that they shared together.

Before making their first appearance on stage, the boys offered words of encouragement as they huddled up together and chanted, "OYM 2010!"

"The three things I want to take from this are: remembering how much Eric [Lee] and Keenan [Ruzga] farted off stage; Alex Yong singing Taylor Swift; and spending time with everybody," senior Aaron Duncil said.

While many of the young men may have been suffering from nerves, others were there to offer support and comfort.

"I'm not nervous, I'm just trying to help everyone else out," senior Steve Perry said.

The night was filled with spectacular entertainment as the boys danced their way through the physical portion to Michael Jackson's "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough."

The green room was full of excitement during intermission as the boys prepared for the segment in which they told of their future plans.

Senior Eric Lee was wondering one thing throughout the intermission: "I'm the only [person wearing a] white tux in the show... why?"

After thinking it out for a whhile, Lee jokingly said, "I think it looks sharp and gives some contrast. Plus it really brings out my eyes."

The time finally came to the most anticipated moment for everyone– the award portion of the evening.

The lucky men who were awarded the top four finalist spots were John Lehman in fourth runner-up, Chris Schreirer in third, Kyle Adkins in second, and Keenan Ruzga in first runner-up.

In the end, Evan Dominguez was honored as the Outstanding Young Man of 2010.

The evening surely brought many memories that not only the OYM participants will hold forever in their memory, but also that the student body will forever hold.

Story by Karaline Cartagena

Senior John Lehman smiles at the crowd while performing the fitness routine for Outstanding Young Man. The routine was choreographed by 2010 Junior Miss Nessa Junyanid. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Senior Tim Gehrels strikes a pose at the end of the Outstanding Young Man fitness routine. The boys danced to "Don't Stop Until You Get Enough" by Michael Jackson. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

The performances of variety

Students came to dazzle the stage with individuality of expression at this year's variety show.

"Being on stage feels good; you can be the person you want to be and just let it all go," junior Jorden Breezley said.

Students enjoyed the energy and came up with last minute entertainment ideas.

"For the variety show me and my Brazilian friend Luciano Brito borrowed someone's drum set and played. I loved every minute of the performance. The crowd cheered and asked for an encore, so at the last minute we both threw our drum sticks," junior Michal Horath said.

Memories were made throughout the auditorium and the entire variety show experience.

"During rehearsals I started singing High School Musical and everyone in the auditorium started to join in and sing with me, and Mr. Giese screamed, 'Be quiet!' and everyone in the auditorium got silent," junior Kyra Fuller jokingly said.

To put the show to a complete finish, the most popular and looked-forward-to performance was when the OYM Bitchin' Ballerinas came together and expressed the bond and brotherhood of all young men one last time for the audience to see.

"Bitchin' Ballerinas was an amazing experience. I'm always going to remember getting on stage and having the lights shining in my face and how I could just feel the comradery between me and my fellas." senior Keenan Ruzga said.

Story by Gigi Chavez

Bitchin' Ballerinas is one of the most popular performances during the Variety Show. The seniors boys who participated in OYM join together and dance in tutu's and tights.

What was the most **UNforgettable** moment?

1. "I'm always going to remember the entire expierence, there was never a dull moment working with the boys; they worked so hard to get every thing right." - Jen Fultz, 12

2. "The funniest moment was when all of us boys played games and we were being very immature in our tutus. I also enjoyed Jen Fultz letting me do my booty shake."- Drew Keil, 12

3. "The choreography was stressful since I was doing both Bithchin Balerinas and the spring musical, but I had fun with the boys. They were very excited and I will always remember their butt flossing." -Senior Amanda Alasauskas, 12

4. "It was so funny seeing everyone in their tutus. I loved hanging with all my friends and I will always remember everyones individual dances." - Eric Lee, 12

Senior boys prance around the stage during the most anticipated moment of the evening for most variety showgoers, the Bitchin' Ballerinas section. Many boys cannot wait until their senior year to be able to participate in the event. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Senior Keenan Ruzga pliés during the Bitchin' Ballerinas section of the night during the Variety Show. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Seniors John Lehman, Evan Dominguez and Jacob Cook tease the audience by performing a small scene from this year's musical, *Hair*. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Senior Jon Cox is held up by fellow senior Tyler Monohan after a very long and competitive game of Birdie-On-A-Perch. *Photo by Stephanie Bedalow*

Senior leaders Tara Ellis and Chris Schrier show off their skills during retreat. *Photo by Stephanie Bedalow*

Seniors Seiche Dogan, Emily Barnes, Karaline Cartagena and Stephanie Bedalow all pose with a stuffed Nemo animal. The theme for the Natural Helpers Retreat was NEMO this year. *Photo by Stephanie Bedalow*

Student leaders Tara Eliss, Seiche Dogan, Stephanie Turka, Jordan Steiger, Keenan Ruzga, Even Dominguez, Steve Perry, Chris Schrier and Jesse Garibaldi all pose together to take a picture at the end of the retreat. All nine of the seniors agree that it is one of the best high school experiences that they had. *Photo by Stephanie Bedalow*

What made that skit

The Natural Helpers leaders put on skit that delt a lot with *The Wizzard of Oz*. The leaders were chosen to represent a character in the film that they relate to. Steve Perry was picked to be Dorothy's dog "Toto".

"They group said that I was best for Toto because I was like everbody best friend. And if not their best friend, then just a friend to everone. That was a huge complement."

Steve Perry, 12

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NATURAL HELPERS

A field trip unlike any other

With all the stress and worries that a teenager has to deal with during their high school years, it's no wonder that there is so much negativity. To help with that negativity, and to learn so much more about yourself, the Natural Helpers retreat was created. It's not just any old field trip, either. To be in this group, you have to be nominated by your fellow peers, and then accepted by the nine leaders of the group. Most of Natural Helpers is kept a secret until you go. This adds to the learning experience you go through.

"I wanted to be a leader so bad. The experience I had when I went the first year was unbelievable. The other leaders made me want to help others," senior Keenan Ruzga said.

Once the whole big group of students and leaders gather at the secret place Natural Helpers is held, they are split into smaller groups so they can become more intimate and personal in discussion.

"I focused on being caring, honest, and humorous," senior leader Steve Perry said. All the small groups brought different things to the students in them.

"My small group was quiet. So I tried to get them to step outside of their shell. I wanted them to become more independent. And they did, they stepped out of their comfort circle," Ruzga said.

Building friends that last forever, learning about how to become more helpful, and having an unforgetable experience is just some of the things Natural Helpers offers. They plan to continue doing this for years and helping many more students.

Story by Rachel Jordan

Senior Sam Sacek, Carissa West, Stephanie Bedalow, and Amanda Fortenberry all pose for a picture before they enjoy themselves at prom. *Photo provided by Stephanie Bedalow*

Junior Mariah Pol and senior Brittany Bogdan pose for a picture with their masks during prom. *Photo provided by Mariah Pol*

UNmasking an exciting evening of dancing, fun

They say there are three most important experiences in a girl's lifetime. Her 15th or 16th birthday, the day of her wedding and lets not forget prom! Many of the girls pranced around all over the place to find the perfect shoes, make-up, dresses and hairstyles to make their night unforgettable.

"I got ready like every girl normally does. Afterwards I went to my friends house and we ended up running through mudd looking for her because we lost her. It was fun, but I was all covered in mudd," senior Alyssa Black said.

The girls weren't the only ones who were anxious; many of the boys were also stoked for the prepping of prom.

"I got my tux, cleaned my car, got flowers for my prom date, and got some money for our dinner date," senior Matthew Demmond said.

Keeping up with the tradition, the junior class planned the entire event for the seniors. The theme they chose was a mysterious one, a theme of masquerade.

"In the end, prom was phenomenal. Everything was how I thought it would be," junior Anthony Byrom, chair of the prom committee, said.

Everyone was really satisfied with the event and there were no complaints made.

"It was really much better than last year's prom. It was fun and I'll miss going to another prom," Demmond said.

The wonderful night of masquerade surely left all prom goers with a mystifying experience that they will never forget.

Story by Gigi Cheavez and Karaline Cartagena

Seniors Mckenzie Harsha and Marcus Bush eat dinner before going to Prom at the Porter County Expo Center in Valparaiso. *Photo provided by Mckenzie Harsha*

Seniors Caleb Wright and Ashley Farley take time to pose for a picture in front of some coral reefs. Wright and Farley decided to spend their "after prom" weekend at the Shedd Aquarium. *Photo provided by Ashley Farley*

Teenage royalty

Eight students this year were voted to be recognized as Portage High School royalty. Normally, we only have homecoming royalty and prom royalty. This year was different. The student council created Winter Homecoming and gave two more students a chance to be voted into the king and queen spot.

This first royalty couple this year was announced during half time of the homecoming football game. Seniors Courtney Byrd and Jon Lehman accepted their crowns for homecoming queen and Mr. Football with enormous smiles on their face.

During the Winter Homecoming basketball game, Byrd and Lehman passed their crowns onto the new king and queen: Seniors Braelyn Rosco and Eric Lee.

Prom royalty is a little different from homecoming royalty. There are also junior prince and princess winners.

"I'm happy to represent the junior class as prom prince," junior Alex Acosta said. "When I got nominated , I was just like oh, okay. It just happened, but it was sure fun." Acosta was voted prince along with junior Elenor Bloom as princess.

The queen and king took their place next to the junior royalty. Mollie Kirbie was voted queen and Domenyk Jackson was king.

"I was honnored. It's an honnor to be the first black prom king at Portage High," said Jackson.

The diverse group of royalty members highlighted numerous groups of students throughout the school. All the students nominated represented PHS in a positive and unique manner.

Story by Rachel Jordan

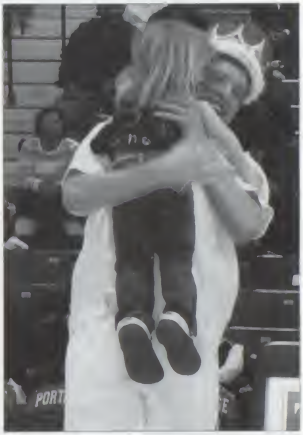
What was the most **UNforgetable** *moment?*

"When I was nominated to be on prom court, I was so stressed and overwhelmed with emotion. I was happy, too. When everything was done I was happy too. It was so much fun. I'd tell girls who are nominated next year to just have fun with it and don't take it personal. It was definitely a night to remember. My favorite part had to be my slow dance with my partner [Prom King Domenyk Jackson]."

Irene Anguinano, 12

Senior Courtney Byrd expresses her joy from winning Homecoming Queen as she waves to the crowd accompanied by her father. *Photo by Rochel Jordan*

Senior Eric Lee embraces his little sister as he celebrates his crowning of Winter Homecoming King. *Photo by Sharon Gil*



Homecoming Queen nominees wait with anticipation for the results of who the student body thought should win Homecoming Queen. In the end, senior Courtney Byrd was awarded with the title of Homecoming Queen. *Photo by Rochel Jordon*

Animal prints, like that of the purse shown here, was a popular trend this year. Even the ever-popular "Snuggie" was made in zebra and lepard prints this year. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Three-quarter length sweaters helped keep many girls warm and within dress code regulation. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

Sophmore Brian Elkins poses for the camera showing off his checkerd threds. Button-up flannel shirts were a common choice for boys. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Vests made a comback this year, and were an easy way to spice up plain shirts. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

What made you laugh. . .

"I think some people might see my style as cute and others probably see me as different but I like my style its for myself I do whatever makes happy and makes me feel good I always try to put myself together."

Alexis Johnson, 10

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TRENDS

Unbanned Trendy Outlooks

Fashion statements have been known to keep people remembering.

This years fashion splurge has been all about elegant, modern, vibrant, chic, clunky, vintage and trendy ensembles. Classic 80's styles have came back with a new twist; such as, movie, TV shows, music and photography tee's with the ankle hugging skinny jean.

"I think my style is special because it combines different things that I love. I'm influenced by movies, music, what I see on the runway and what I see when I go to places that have the people I admire," Senior Jack Collier said.

Flashy and spunky glasses have also made its way to spark the unique individuality of the maker.

"I love wearing my glasses I collect them, I like to be a trendsetter not a follower, I don't care if people think I look stupid," Sophomore Sierra King said.

Glamming up with dress shirts, bold earrings and boots to complete the package have also sprung up the fashion circuit. "I'm more laid back and I like to be comfortable but, I do think it's really cute when people wear dresses with the leggings and boots." Freshman Arissa Salas said.

Student have defiantly been known to completely match or do the exact opposite and clash. "I don't really care what other people think about how I dress. I feel everyone has their own swag," Junior Darrion Johnson said.

Story by Gigi Chavez

junior Torrey Dixson belts out one of the songs from Hair in a role as Janie, a pregnant tribe member. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

What was the most **UNbelievable** *moment?*

"The adrenaline rush! I had fun with the cast and there was never a dull moment. The whole cast and crew was the bomb diggity."

Aramis Johnson,12

"Regardless about what anyone else in the show has said about how hectic *Hair* was, I will be quoting *Hair* for the rest of my life."

Eric Curbow,11

"I was happy we had such a large cast because I met people I wouldn't normally see on a daily basis."

John Lehman,12

"The show was awesome! Being on stage with a ton of people was so much fun. This is Bodnar's last year so we wanted to make it really good."

Evan Domiguez,12

Back to the 'Age of Aquarius'

"Hair, long beautiful hair!" This is one of the hit songs from the original R rated theater production of the musical *Hair*. Talented students took a trip back to the '60s to spread the word of love and peace.

"The most challenging segment for me was trying to meet Mr. Bodnars vision of what my character should be," senior Jacob Cook said.

The musical was transformed into a PG-13 show that ran for two weeks. Splashing colors, ripped jeans, imagery and smoke flared the stage.

Hair was very different from many of the other musicals because of its audience interaction. The tribe walked, talked and danced with the audience.

"I'm always going to remember how difficult the acting part was for me because I don't speak very loud so I had to project, the friendships with everyone, and being pregnant," junior Torrey Dixson said.

The tribe grew very close to one another and were very saddened when the show had come to an end.

"Hair was by far the best high school experience. I plan on continuing participating in plays not only through high school but I'm even considering minoring in theater for college," junior Marissa McQueen said.

Story By Gigi Chavez

Senior Jacob Cook, junior Eric Curbow, and senior Jesse Garibaldi get one last rehearsal in before the opening night of Hair. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Junior Eric Curbow and seniors Sarah Smith and Jesse Garibaldi go through one of their scenes together for the last time before opening night. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Senior John Lehman sings a song about joining the army as fellow seniors Evan Dominguez and Aaron Duncil stand by his side. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Poise, Talent, and Fitness

Junior Miss call-outs filled the air and 39 young ladies came together to make the show an unforgettable one. The girls participated in poise, fitness and talent.

"I'm going to miss how supportive all of us girls were for each other. Even though it was a competition it totally didn't feel like it," Junior Mariah Pol said.

Rehearsals for the program were very long according to many of the participants in the production. They woke up early to learn dances, practice talents, work out and interview with the judges.

"The funniest moments for me were the things we would do behind the curtain right before the show would start. We would joke around, dance and goof off and no one could see," junior Sam Loza said.

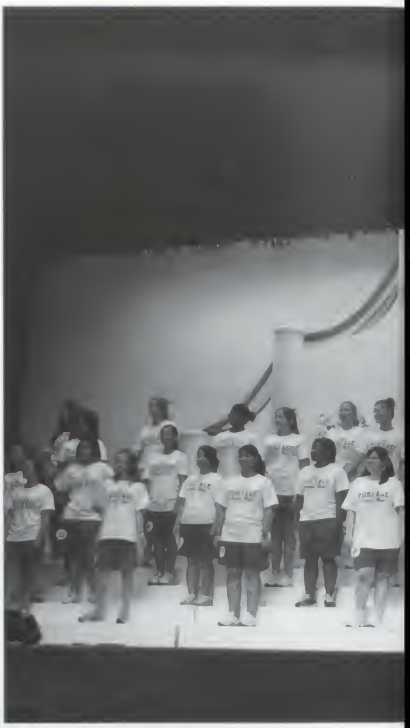
For each night, the girls would all go out and eat food at Stake n' Shake to celebrate as a whole. They carried their bond even past the rehearsals and performance nights.

"Junior Miss was an amazing experience. Honestly I didn't think I was going to have as much fun as I did. It wasn't too serious and I think that helped me keep a lot of the stress that came with a pageant," junior Kyra Fuller said.

As the competition came to a closure during finals, 15 girls competed for the top five finalists. Lexi Elisha won the title of Junior Miss.

"The most challenging thing had to be the dance we did on the final night; and simply saying good bye to all the bonding that all of the 39 girls had together. My once enemies became my friends and I made new friends," junior Taylor Moreland said.

Story by Gigi Chavez



What was your most **UNforgettable** moment?

While some students choose to wake up five minutes before the bus comes, other students make sure to take their time to look their best. Check out what these students do every morning:

1. "The funniest moment was the burp circle!" Junior Jessica Gerstner

2. "Falling backstage and injuring my leg while everyone else was on stage." Junior Christina Major

3. "The funniest experience was when Keenan Ruzga was dancing in the circle to warm-ups." Junior Arielle Stevenson

4. "I'm always going to remember dancing." Junior Kristin Vandersteen

Participants of the 2010 Junior Miss program pose as a united group as they prepare for their night to shine and show the audience what they all are made of. *Photo by Gigi Chavez*

Junior Lexi Elisha takes her walk down the runway after being crowned the 2010 Junior Miss.
Photo by Gigi Chavez

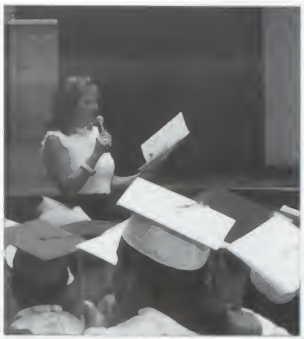
A group of the 2010 Junior Miss participants show off their dancing skills in the physical fitness portion of the program. *Photo by Gigi Chavez*

Senior Casey Smith speaks during the ceremony. Smith was the valedictorian. He claimed that his achievments are possible only because of others. "My successes would not be possible without my classmates," Smith said. *Photo by Thales Camargo*

The senior choir students sing "Heal the World" as choir director Aaron Reigle plays the piano. *Photo by Thales Camargo*

Senior Miryam Cabrales giggles during the speech of fellow classmate Seiche Dogan. All the speeches during the ceremony were filled with both humor and insperation. "These are some of the best speeches I've heard. I'm happy I am going out with this class," assistant principal Tom Sanidas said.

Senior Kristyn Stanfield, one of the students tied for the salutatorian position, speaks to her classmates during the ceremony. "Do not forget the memories that we have made here, because each day has been built on the next," Stanfield said. *Photo by Thales Camargo*



Principal Caren Swickard reads the rules and guidelines to the graduates in preperation for the ceremony. Swickard was quoted in the valedictorian's speech. *Photo by Thales Camargo*

Seniors Casey Smith, Evan Domingez, Kristyn Stanfield and Seiche Dogan listen to Caren Swickard speak during the graduation ceremony. *Photo by Thales Camargo*

GRADUATION

'Perfect 10' class turns their tassels

Every class has its accomplishments. However, the motto on the back of the senior shirt this year explained it all. "Not everyone can be a perfect 10."

The speech made by the valedictorian, Casey Smith, highlighted mulitple successes made by this graduating class.

"I don't think anyone will ever forget how much work, energy and spirit went into supporting our school. And that is what being a Portage Indian is all about," Smith said.

Smith's speech focused more on the student body. He included something new during his speech. During the middle of his address, he asked the class to stand if they had ever accomplished specific things in the course of their high school career. Smith said that he was proud to be a part of the close-knit and united group of friends.

"Everybody already knows that the class of 2010 is the best class that ever graduated in the history of forever," Smith said.

His speech was not the only during the ceremony to include and address the group of classmates in the gymnasium that day. Salutatorian Kristyn Stanfield summed up our educational years in her speech. She began with how nervous every student was to start their very first year of school and ended with the fact that that same feeling plagued all of the graduates again now.

"We are all excited to leave PHS because of the new experiences that await us. But whether we admit it or not we are all crazy nervous just like that first day of kindergarten," Stanfield said.

With a graduating class of 524 students, the ceremony took a couple of hours. Every student, however, was respectable and waited both calmly and anxiously during the the procession. The graduating class had 107 students graduate with honors this year. This is one more accomplishment that could be added to the long and extensive list of successes already made.

The day ended with hugs, laughter and tears as the students mingled with their friends and classmates saying their goodbyes and good lucks.

"When we're not blessed enough to succeed, we will take failure as motivation to excel, just as Portage has taught us to do," Smith said.

Story by Rachel Jordan

serving as state BPA president • cleaning up a beach • winning a gold rating at ISSMA competition • raising money for the Portage Food Pantry • bringing back Winter Homecoming • learning more about the art of anime • taking a field trip to Chicago • putting together a literary magazine • being part of something bigger that makes you feel

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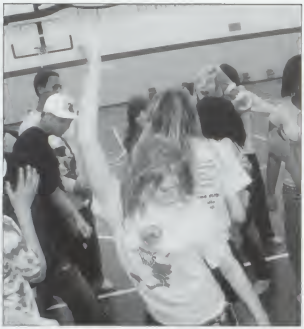
The Chorale's soulful singalong performance at the year's Secret Pal Social featured choir members Kelly Robinson and Aaron Duncil helped the choraliers in their performance due on the night. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*



junior Elizabeth Guglimettie dances to help herself stay awake during Insomnia for Haiti. Student Council hosted an all night event to raise money to help with the earthquake destruction in Haiti. *Photo By Diana Bernal*

Students taking part in Spring Leadership hold hands as another classmate runs through trying to win a game of Red Rover. *Photo by Emily Phillips*

Senior Jack Collier enjoys the Secret Pal event with his mother and English teacher, Marsha Hobart, by his side. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Senior Aaron Duncil, sophomores Alex Pardo and Megan Cassidy and freshman Alyssa Quade all pose for a picture during Secret Pal. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

We had so much. . .

"The best part is meeting new people and being able to be yourself and break out of your shell. Student Council has changed my life. It has helped me shape myself into the strong person I have become."

Melissa Martinez, 12

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Leading The Way

Student Council has had a year full of exciting activities. These activities were seen in both the school and the community.

For the community, Student Council put on a Senior Citizen Dance. This took place in the PHS commons. It was an eventful time for both the members and the senior citizens.

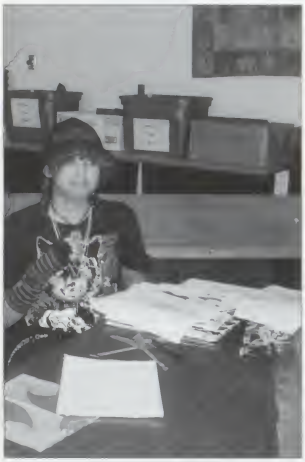
One of the highlights of the year was the student council's annual Spring Leadership Conference. This conference included many eventfull games and activities. Guest speaker Chris Bowers spoke on how being a leader will help to create a better tomorrow.

The speech topic fit in perfectly to the conferences theme: Earth Day. The theme was spread all around the conference. It was mainly shown by the group names and sections. Names included sand, hurricanes and sunshine.

"I like student leadersip because you get out of school for one day and you make new friends in different grades," senior Seiche Dogan said.

Story by Rosaida Rosado

Freshman Noell White spreads out her drawings on the table to show others at the Anime Club and Art Club Christmas party. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*



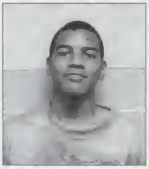
What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"We get to express our creativity. "

Noell White, 9

"We get to draw, watch, and talk about anime.

Nathaniel Jimenez, 9



"We just have fun! Yeah, there's rules but we don't make it a superficial thing."

Katherine Morrison, 9

"I think our club is unlike any other becuse of the friends we make and the people in it."

Jose Zuniga, 10

Expressing Their Creativity

After three years of trying to start an anime club, junior Ambassador Barnes's goal had finally been achieved. Anime club was one of the newest clubs this year at PHS, and so far its turnout has been great. Every week new members keep joining the club that represents one of the biggest phenomenon in America right now.

Barnes had been attempting to start an Anime Club at Portage since his freshman year. This year with the help of art teacher Wanda Rice, he teamed up with the Art club to produce probably one of the biggest club meetings this year.

"I love sharing something I love with other people who appreciate it as much as I do," Ambassador says. "They are the ones who make the club and make it successful."

Anime club does more then just talk about anime all the time. "We draw and watch anime, compare the manga books to the anime, play games and we look at the Japanese's culture. It's a lot more than what people think we do. We appreciate everything that goes into it. Anime isn't just a cartoon, it's an art form," Ambassador explains.

Without a doubt, Anime Club is one to check out, it's a diverse group of people who are all welcoming to new members who share their interests.

Story by Kaite Mendez

Sophomore Michael Holt and Freshman Nathaniel Jimenez work on their drawings for Anime Club. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*

Juniors William Wirth and Brittany Schneider socialize with other members at the Anime/Art Club Christmas party. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*

Sophomore Michael Holt and freshmen Sarah Batey and Devon Watson converse about a game as they wait for the food. *Photo By Katie Mendez*

Doing Good for the Community

National Honor Society is a place where all Portage High School's top students come together to put on many of the schools activities, such as Dancers Against Cancer and the blood drive, which many students participated in earlier in the year. They also held a gift-wrapping event in the commons during Christmas time. Members of NHS wrapped gifts that people brought in for one dollar.

"We do lots of community service projects. We also raise money for a variety of organizations and causes in any way we can." Senior Evan Dominguez said.

Outside of school, members would do community services around town, such as leaf raking for the elderly.

Any member of PHS would be lucky to be a part of a group that does so much good for their community.

Story by Kaite Mendez

What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"NHS is really fun, the best part is hanging out with all the people in it."

Clarissa Blazek, 11

"I really enjoy helping out in the community service projects we do."

Sarah Smith, 12

"It's important to help the community and people in need, it also helps builds good character."

Karaline Cartagena, 12

"It's really easy for me to fit in. I think all of us have really open minds and good ideas so we are able to work out really good things ."

Evan Dominguez, 12

National Honor Society Members line up along the commons area as they prepare to tell their new members that they are about to be inducted into the Portage High School chapter of National Honor Society. It was kept a secret from the new members that they were going to be inducted until the very morning of the induction ceremony. *Photo By Rosaida Rosado*

Senior Amanda Alasauskas frantically looks through some paperwork in the student council office a few moments before snatching students out of class for the induction ceremony. Alasauskas is not only an active member in NHS but also in Student Council. *Photo By Rosaida Rosado*

Senior Caressa Rospierski is pulled out of her first mod class by fellow senior and two year member of National Honor Society, Anna Simmons. This year, the PHS chapter of NHS held their induction ceremony during the beginning of a school day in the auditorium. *Photo By Rosaida Rosado*

Mariah Pol, junior, begins her homecomming parade poster. *Photos by Katie Mendez*

The Spanish Club shows off their decorations and authentic garb during the homecoming parade. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Eric Curbow, junior, dances with excitement as he helps make posters for this year's homecoming. Curbow has participated in Spanish Club for the past two years and enjoys it very much.
Photo by Katie Mendez

Devan Rushing, junior, concentrates on creating her own personal poster for homecoming. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

We had so much. . .

" The best part about Spanish club is probably just being with my friends after school, going on Spanish [club] field trips, and hanging out with Señora Ramos, Señora Fry, Señora Wilson, and Señora Peda."

Taylor Moreland, 11

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SPANISH CLUB

Spanish Club about more than language

Spanish club is one of four language clubs at Portage. Its meetings are not the usual sit-down-and-speak-in-Spanish kind of club. They do many activities ranging from field trips to Mexican restaurants to fiestas in the classroom.

Many people think that you have to speak the language to be in the club, but that's not so. Even if English is the only language you speak, you can join a language club. " I started to go to Spanish club because two of my friends were in it, but I actually joined because it was really fun!" says Eric Curbow, junior. It's more than just learning the language; that is what the class is for, the club is about appreciating the language and its culture in a great environment.

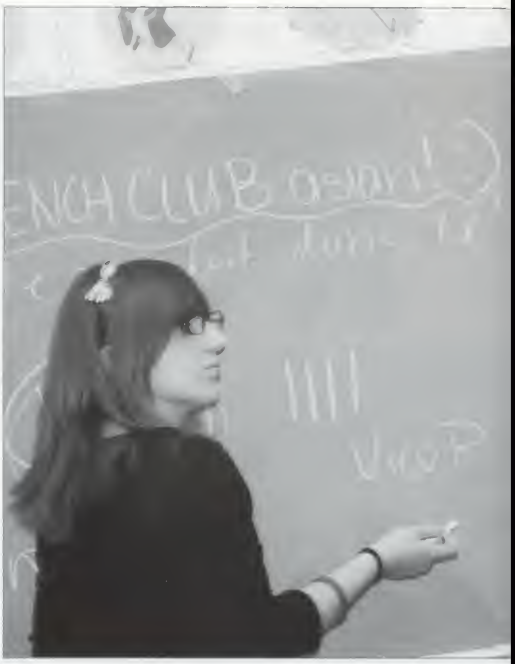
Spanish club does so many activities, it would be hard to choose a favorite. Spanish club has marched in the Homecoming Parade, they have started a tutoring program, which involves helping kid's with learning the language, and they took a field trip to El Ranchero, a Mexican restaurant in East Chicago. "The field trip to El Ranchero was definitely the best! Great food, and being with your friends, there's nothing better than that." Says Mariah Pol, junior.

Spanish club has an easy-going, fresh atmosphere and is very accepting to new members. "We're like a family." Says Katalina Rivera, junior. If you're looking for a club to join, Spanish club is filled with friends, fun, and fiestas.

Story by Katie Mendez

Seniors Rebecca Hajduk and Luis Chavez total up the votes for French club officer elections. Hajduk was elected president of the club.
Photo by Rosaida Rosado

Junior Brianna Maddox indulges in a treat during a meeting after school during a French club meeting. The club's members celebrated various holidays throughout the year by having group parties.
Photo by Rosaida Rosado



What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

" We actually speak in French, which other clubs don't really do, and we have a diverse group of people."

Shelby Keith, 12

" We have fondue parties, we made cookies, and we did bell ringing."

Briana Maddox, 11

"We have scavanger hunts, we get our grub on, and we go to Chicago for Christmas."

Luis Chaves, 12

"We learn about the different culture and how the the French differ from Americans."

Rebecca Hajduk, 12

UN Temps Pour Se Rappeler (A Time To Remember)

French club had an extreemely eventful year full of many different activities. They also enjoyed learning about the French culture and language. While the club struggled with member attendence and participation, the year ended with many laughs and smiles.

President Becka Hajudk worked with advisor Andrea Flynn to put together their many activities. The club had many parties after school with food, fun, and friends.

French club also took a trip to Chicago. They traveled to visit the "Christmas Around The World" display at the field museum. They specifically choose this exibit to view the difference of cultures during the Christmas season. They focused on how different the traditions between France and America are.

While the club enjoyed many fun trips and parties, they also volunteered at elementary schools. They taught students about the French language, and also about France itself. The elementary students felt a bit of culture shock when learning that not everyone lives as Americans do.

The year for French club was a great one. They participated in many activities, never leaving room for a dull moment. While they started out whith poor attendence, everyone soon realized the importance of the culture and bagan to participate. This participation and attendence made the year a time to remember.

Story by Rosaida Rosado

Seniors Shelby Keith and Rebecca Hajduk talk to other French Club members during a meeting this year. The club took various trips together throughout the year.
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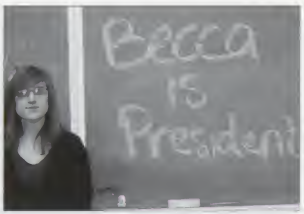
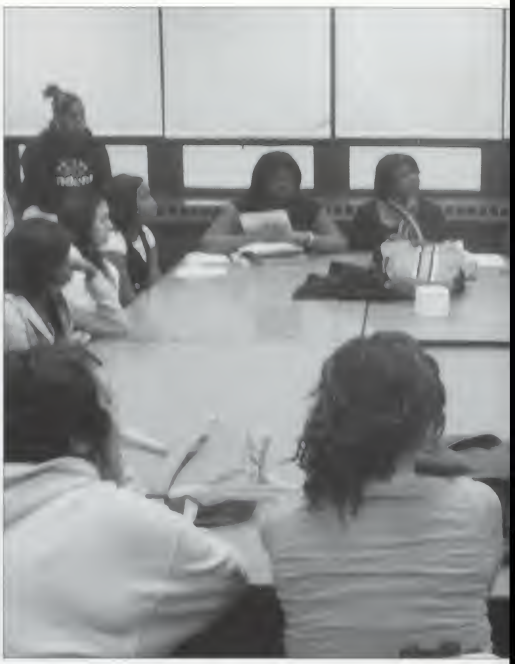


Senior Rebecca Hajduk poses in front of the chalkboard for a picture after being elected French Club president. Other elected officers included seniors Shelby Keith and Luis Chavez, and junior Brianna Maddox
Photo by Rosaida Rosado

Senior Kelly Robbins presents his thoughts on racism with other members during a Diversity Club meeting. *Photo by Tylar Foster*



What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"Our bond. The way we started. Last year we were just collected students discussing what problems we have in the city over racism."

Simone Ingram, 11

"We're like a family, last year we had so much fun!"

Kyra Fuller, 11

"It's a group of people you don't expect from different cliques put together."

Alex Accosta, 11

"The activies and fieldtrips are so much fun!"

Ashley Thompson, 9

Members unite to diversify school

Have you ever felt as if you were looked at differently for your ethnicity? Maybe teased for a disability? Or just looked down upon from your peers?

Many students from Portage High School got together to show people that being different is the best way to be unique. This active group of kids participated in community service, bullying and racism skits for elementary schools, and made student exchanges with other high schools.

A shocking number of about thirty-five students appeared interested in this organization; much more than expected. However, they had a low five percent of boys attend. Vice Persident, Alex Accosta said, "The group is a lot more people, but I'd like to see more guys!"

That being said, the year still ended on a happy note.

"We're like a family, last year we had so much fun!" Said, President Kyra Fuller.

Story by Tylar Foster

Members of the Diversity Club discuss different topics during a meeting. This is the second year that the club has been effective. *Photo by Tylar Foster*

Junior YaYa Walton stands up for an innocent girl in a wheelchair during a skit that the Diversity Club performed in front of elementary school students. *Photo by Tylar Foster*

Members of Diversity Club listen to Kelly Robbins' thoughts intently during a meeting after school. *Photo by Tylar Foster*

UNmistakable Leaders

Perfectly professional is what HOSA is all about. The medical and dental fields all participate in the HOSA organization. Preparation for future college professions is applied while participating in HOSA.

"Students are invloved in community service, team building, communication, and leadership," HOSA advisor Rhonda Doane said.

HOSA competes in a state leadership conference in Indianapolis every year. This gives the students a chance to heighten their leadership potential and life skills. The conference helps to learn interpersonal communication for future employment endeavours.

During the conference, "Students can compete in events from the following categories: Health Science, Health Professions, Emergency Preparedness, Leadership, Teamwork, and Recognition," Doane said.

It is considered a great honor to be recognized in the top ten in an event. Advancement to the National Competition will be granted to the first, second and third place winners. First place finishers will also be awarded scholarships.

Many students enjoy participating in such competitions. The passion in each field is undeniable and is hoped to continue for years to come.

Story by Rosaida Rosado

What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"My favorite part is the leadership conferences. Those are the most fun."

Samantha Sacek, 12

"I like the community service at the nursing home and Ronald McDonald House. It made me feel good.

Jesse Garibaldi, 12

"I like the hands-on experience. I feel like this willl eally help me succeed in the future."

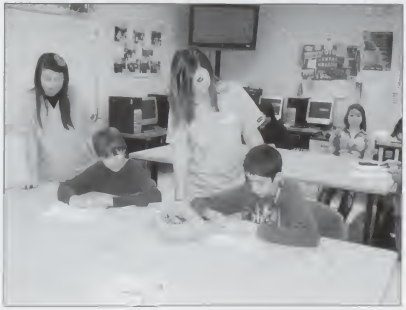
Olivia Rivera, 12

"It's just fun to meet people who have the same carreer goal as you. It's good to have a head start."

Mea Bujna, 12

Senior HOSA members Brianna Angarola and Braelyn Rasco pose with fellow senior classmate Kyle Diaz as they take some time off during the school day. *Photo provided by Rhonda Doane*

Senior Jesse Garibaldi takes some one-on-one time with a fellow student to inspect his teeth. Garibaldi has participated in the Dental portion of HOSA for two years. *Photo provided by Rhonda Doane*



Senior HOSA member, Samantha Sacek works with a vocational student from Valparaiso. The HOSA program makes sure to get their students involved in the community as a way to give them more experience. *Photo provided by Rhonda Doane*

Environmental club members work hard while cleaning up the Indiana Dunes during a field trip. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

Members of the Environmental club pose for a picture after a long day's work of cleaning up the River Walk. This year, Environmental Club had twelve participants. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

Two environmental club members work together trying to move a large rock. Even when it started raining, the members of the club kept hard at work. *Photo by Tylar Foster*

Members of the Environmental Club work together as a team to pull out rocks. The club worked hard to plant grass in the new Portage Boardwalk area to not only help the environment, but also to help beautify the area. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

We had so much. . .

"Environmental Club is fantastic because we've not only been able to improve the environment at PHS, but also in the Portage community. Now Portage environmental club even owns Portage River Walk."

Kenny Garcia, 12

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Working hard to go green

Environmental club takes on different challenges every year. This year, these recyclers have focused on adopting highways people don't care for, cleaning up beaches to be more enjoyable, and testing the water we use everyday. As well as last year, these club members also took part in the Envirothon.

The Envirothon is a competitive event over the knowledge of environmental resources, including: aquatic ecology, soils, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues. The group took their very first trip to Chicago to help celebrate at the Green Festival held at Navy Pier. All this is made fun with the help of Stephanie Crook and Michelle Bundrage.

"Going to the beach was fun and when it started raining it just made it more fun," sophomore Charity Dill said.

This group of students do what they can to live in a green world starting with our very own community.

Environmental Club members work together and have fun! Environmental Club is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Story by Tylar Foster

Mark Woolum sends peace to the world along with his friends during some fun in the snow.
by Mallory Bridges

What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"It will be beneficial later on in life."

Mark Woolum, 12

"You learn alot about business and things that generally wouldn't be fun to learn, but is presented in a fun way.

Malorie Briges, 12

"Were very powerful, we dedicate ourselves, and we have more members going to state than previous years."

Anothony Byron, 11

"You get to know each other really good. We do blood drives, help churches, and have family nights!"

Rachel Gonzalez, 10

BPA

Never UNprofesional

Business Professionals Of America. That is what a select few Portage High School students were proud to be called. From intense competitions to exciting leadership workshops, every student excelled in the BPA program. Out of the 38 students in BPA, 14 qualified for the state competition. The current District One Presient, senior Alex Yong, and junior Anthony Byron arrived to state 2 days earlier to set up activities. Byron took over Yong's position for the next year. While there, they will be accompanied by PHS's very own Kyle Adkins, the Indiana BPA president.

At state, sudents participate in various competitions. These include computer programing, Accounting and finance, Medical terminology, and many more. "I'd like the kids to come back knowing they have done the best they did," Mrs. Halberstadt said.

They did the best they can and had fun on the way. With more members than they have had in a long time, this was surely the one to beat!

Story By Rosaida Rosado

The BPA members and Mrs.Holberstadt show off their medals at State. *Photo provided by Mallory Bridges*

Alex Yong is body surfed during some BPA fun time.. *Photo provided by Mallory Bridges*

Carrie Gonzalez and her friends make goofy faces after hearing some serious lectures on business. *Photo provided by Mallory Bridges*

Venturing to unknown lands

The 2009-2010 year has been very strong for the Foreign Language Honor Society.The previous year, seniors Karaline Cartagena and Casey Smith both ventured to Spain. However, being seniors, their successors will now be taking over.

Leading the way, Juniors Myra Martinez and Devan Rushing will be venturing to different countries. They were allowed this opportunity by taking a placement test, going through rigorous paperwork, and having a set amount of teacher recomendations.

Rushing will be traveling to Ciudad Real, Spain.

Martinez will be traveling to Siaint Brieuc, Paris.

In order to participate in this program, students must have completed three years of a foreign language and must also have had an "A" every year.

"My favorite part is not a lot of people take French, so you make strong relationships with other people who take it," Martinez said.

Linda Peda is the sponsor for the club. She takes pride in this job and loves when students are excited about other languages.

Story by Rosaida Rosado

We had so much. . .

"It's just cool and I really want to learn. And I love to travel. It's a good program and will help with college."

Devan Rushing, 11

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junior Alex Mischke, senior Emily McGrath, junior Christina Major and junior Samantha Lozo all hold candles while listening to various teachers speak at the Foreign Language Honor Society induction ceremony. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

French teacher Andrea Flynn happily presents awards at the Foreign Language Honor Society induction ceremony. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

All members of the 2009-20010 Foreign Language Honor Society pose for a group picture. *Photo By Tylar Foster*

Junior Elizabeth Burns enjoys painting a project after school. Burns has been in art club for three years. *Photo by Kaite Mendez*

Junior Devan Rushing is making a bowl on the wheel. It's one of her favorite activities to do in art club. *Photo by Kaite Mendez*

Junior Amanda Thorn works on a Martin Luther King painting during the art club's holiday party. Amanda has been in art club for two years. *Photo by Kaite Mendez*

Juniors Jonathon Mendez and Christina West enjoy working on their projects durning art club. Both Mendez and West regurlary attend art club. *Photo by Kaite Mendez*

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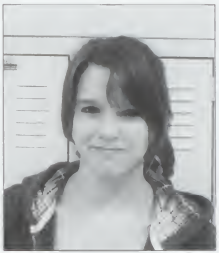

" Art club is so much fun; we don't get told what to do and we just get to do what we want, art wise. Its like art class without the due dates. Plus I really like playing with clay. "

Taylor Kibble , 11

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ART CLUB

Unimaginable! The creative side of PHS

Whether you're the next Picasso or you're the master of stick figures, art club is a place to let your creativity flow.

"My favorite thing to do in art club is probably throwing on the wheel," says junior Elizabeth Berns.

There is no limit to what you are able to do in art club. You are free to do anything ranging from painting with watercolors to creating pieces with clay.

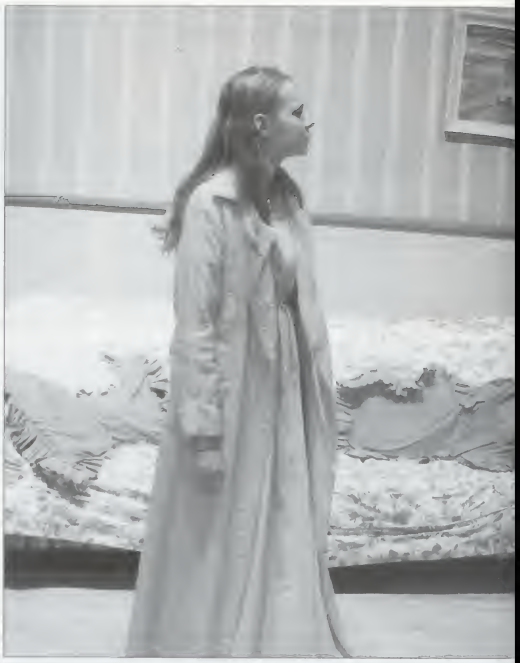
Art club members take their creativity and put it to good use. They hosted a throw-a-thon where anybody could come in on a Saturday morning and make bowls to donate to The Empty Bowls Project to help the Portage food pantry.

"I think it's great when we can help out by doing something we all love to do," says junior Amanda Thorn.

Art is a great way to express yourself, so when you can find others who share the same interest it makes it all the better.

Story by Kaite Mendez

Thespian members stay in the auditorium to talk after an end-of-the-year Thespians meeting. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*



What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"All of us are dedicated to Thespians and making our production better."

McKenzie Ruiz, 11

"We're a lot more outgoing and dramatic then some other groups."

Alyssa Sass , 11

"We like doing stuff unlike others. Most people don't like helping out with theater productions, but it's what our club does."

Robin Fraley, 10

"We're different in the fact that we're artsy. We're very outgoing and we can always put a smile on anyones face."

Courtney Mason, 10

Producing UNbelievable performances

Singing, dancing, and acting; Thespians do it all. Thespians have been around for 58 years performing and helping out backstage with the school's theater production.

The two performances put on this year were *Rebel Without a Cause* directed by Kevin Giese, and *Hair* the musical that was directed by William Bodnar. Unfortunately, this year is Mr. Bodnar's last at Portage High School as he is retiring.

"My favorite part of the year was *Hair* the musical, because it's Mr. Bodnar's last performance he'll be doing and I really enjoyed working on it with him," sophomore Robin Fraley said.

Thespians is more than just acting and singing, it's about making friends.

"The best part about Thespians is that we all come together as a family, which helps us get our work done and become closer with each other. We also have a lot of fun together," sophomore Courtney Mason said.

You don't have to be great at singing or dancing to join the Thespians; the only requirements are a good attitude and be willing to have fun.

Story by Kaite Mendez

Sophomore Courtney Mason and senior Kelly Robbins onstage in the fall play, Rebel Without a Cause. *Photo By Melissa Deavers*

Castmembers of the musical Hair perform one of their routines during opening night of the show. *Photo By Melissa Deavers*

Theater director Kevin Giese stops to talk with some of the Thespians after a meeting in the auditorium. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*

UNderstated? Not this year!

This year, the marching band had an eventful season full of intense competitions and innovative practices. All their hard work of practicing, even in the rain, paid off when the band won gold at the district competition and silver at regionals.

Throughout the season, marching band averaged scores in the mid 60s out of 100. According to director Michael DePasquale, scoring in the 70-80s at regionals would have earned them a spot at semi-state.

The band was discouraged, but that did not bring down their spirits. They still have the memories of the fun they had after competitions.

Earlier in the year, many students expressed their general opinions on the marching band. It was repeatedly expressed that knowledge about the band was minimal. This caused a sense of unappreciation within many members.

"We have very little participation [from the school]. We do the best with what we have," senior Nathan Sommers said.

While this caused some concern, their achievement of receiving a silver at regionals did not go unnnoticed. The announcements were constantly boasting about their accomplishments.

"The teachers push us so we can get to where we need to be," senior Andrew Vile said.

Story by Rosaida Rosada

Don't lie, it's so UNdeniable

Check out these total rumors and undeniable truths, courtesy of the Marching Band!

1. "There's ten times more drama in marching band than the rest of PHS."
True.

2. "Marching band is an excersise in hightening the ego."
False.

3. "I'm not sure whats harder, remembering all the jokes or all the charts and music."
True.

4. Color guard is not a part of marching band.
False.

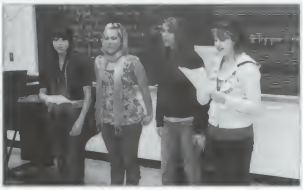
Tim Talley, junior, practices fevere[illegible] in the cold during band practice. Every student's hard work paid off this year, as the marching band made it to regionals.
Photo By Rosaida Rosado

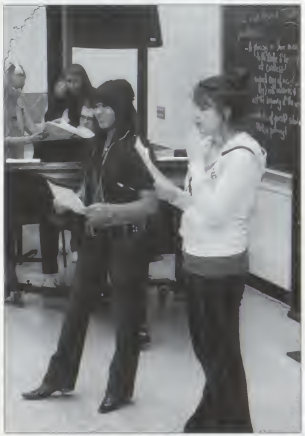
Jon De St. Jean, junior, steadily marches at the Homecoming Parade with fellow drumline members. This year, there were 8 participants in the drumline portion of the marching band.
Photo By Rachel Jordan

Dustin Edwards, junior, and Regina Lopez, freshman, both practice playing their clarinet during an outside practice. This year, the marching band received a silver medal at regionals.
Photo By Rachel Jordan

Senior Hanna Wise, junior Lexi Elisha, and the rest of the choraliers stike poses while performing thier annual Holiday dance. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Seniors Nesa Junyanid, Hanna Wise, and Juniors Lexi Elisha and Torrey Doble rack up the nerve to perform an ensemble in front of their class. *Photo Rosaida Rosado*





Senior Nesa Junyanid and junior Torrey Doble practice vigorously for thier Solo/Ensemble contestin front of thier attentive and appreciative classmates. *Photo by Rosaida Rosado*

Senior Aaron Dunsel performs with the choraliers during the annual Secret Santa revealing. The girls danced and sang around Dunsel as he posed in the center, smiling at the performance. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

We had so much. . .

"Fun! Choraliers is all about going out and performing in the community. Being able to sing and dance in school with all the PHS students watching also makes choraliers fantastic! The cite reading and dancing for judges makes the all the time spent practicing worth while."

Lexi Elisha, 11

FUN!

CHORALIERS

Going For the Gold

Choraliers had a fantastic year continuing their winning streak. For the past three years, choraliers have recieved a gold place at their district solo and ensemble competition.

After recieving a gold, the 22 members were able to look forward to an exciting trip for the state competition.

Expectations were exceeded being that the choraliers were in group one and recieved such a high honor.

Not only did the choraliers compete in singing and dancing contests, but they also performed for thier peers in the commons and in the community.

"Going out and performing in the community and being able to dance and sing makes being in choraliers such an undescribable experience," Vice President Lexi Elisha said.

The choraliers practiced vigorously during class focusing on harmonizing and learning dance steps. Director Aaron Riegle had no doubt that if the practice continued, they would do well. The President and Vice President also believed in the strong group. They had done all they could to ensure a great year. "Organization and being on top of things makes for a good year," Elisha said.

The choraliers could be seen showing off their skills in their sparkling red dresses and matching bows.

Their dazzling appearance and indescribable voices made this year one of the best.

Story By Rosaida Rosado

Freshman, Mikaela Terry takes part in a performance during a basketball game with fellow pep band members. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

What's the best part of **PepBand** *?*

"Its alot of fun being outside of school and being with friends "

Mikaela Terry, 9

"I like all the music classes. I like chatting with all the people I play with."

Kathleen VanGlider, 12

"We go to Steak & Shake after the basketball games!"

Ashley Burbee, 11

"Getting to go to the basketball games and playing all the fight songs for them."

Eric Mesarch, 9

Keeping the School Sprit Alive

Pep Band has kept the spirit alive countless times at the schools home basketball games by playing the fight song.

"I joined Pep Band because it just sounded like a fun experience and I like going to the games as well. Its like a mix of the two things I like to do," freshman Eric Mesarch said.

Pep Band may only play at home basketball games, but everyone in it seems to have a great time just hanging around each other.

"I like being able to see my friends outside of school," freshman Mikaela Terry said.

Pep Band is a great place to learn and have fun at the same time. If anyone is interested in playing an instrument, Pep Band is one of the many music classes PHS offers. *Story by Kaite Mendez*

Members of the pep band carefully concentrate on their musical notes as they play the fight song during a basketball game this year. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Seniors Morgan Williams and Kathleen Vanglider play their flutes while at a home basketball game this year. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Freshman Aaron Nelson and senior Ryan Thompson play along on their guitars during a home basketball game. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Soothing Sounds Of Jazz Band

Portage High School's talanted Jazz Band is made possible with the outstanding help of Robert Symer and Bill Timmerman. You may have noticed most students involed with Jazz Band have also participated in Marching Band in the pervious fall season. Jazz Band meets everyday during tenth mod to pratice the smooth sounds of jazz to perform for the stundents, facility and familes.

"My grandfather played the trumpet and always told stories about playing at the White House." said junior Jeff Webb.

Jazz Band has received 40 consecutive gold ratings since 1982.

"Our students impressed the judges. I don't feel they played as well as they played in the classroom, but I'm very proud of the kids." instuctor Robert Symer said.

In these competitions there are a total of five groups competing against different schools for golds, silvers, and bronzes.

"It's a lot of fun! I recommend it to anyone who wants to learn about music." said Senior Ryan Thompson.

Story by Tylar Foster

What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"I like Jazz Band cause lots of my friends are in there. I got great instructors to teach me new things. Plus the music is cool."
Ryan Thompson, 12

"Mr. Timmerman because he is corky, undrestanding, and has a moustache like an '80s erotic movie star."
Jeff Webb, 11

"The combination of personalities within the band makes my group unlike any other."
Shannon Corcoran, 12

"Mr. Symer's crazy asumptions, stories, and theories, and Mr. T's stories about his mom."
Celeste Robles, 10

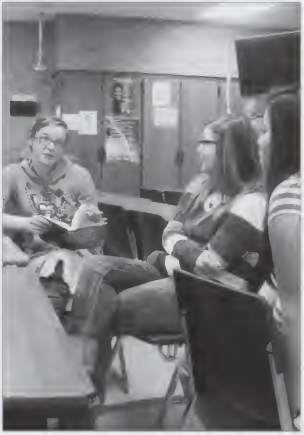
Senior Shannon Corcoran, junior Jeff Webb, and sophomore Josh Stallworth practice their musical talents during class one day.
Photo by Tylar Foster

Senior Shannon Corcoran and freshman Desi Perez practice their saxophone playing skills during class one day.
Photo by Tylar Foster

The jazz band class intently looks upon their musical notes as they prepare themselves for their big competition.
Photo by Tylar Foster

Junior Mayra Martinez reads a passage from the book Liar by Justine Larbalestier to the members of YAR. *Photo By Katie Mendez*

Junior Sarah Hensley smiles as she travels into another world while reading during the YAR meetings. *Photo By Katie Mendez*



Juniors Samantha Loza and Sarah Hensley discuss their opinions of the book with the group. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

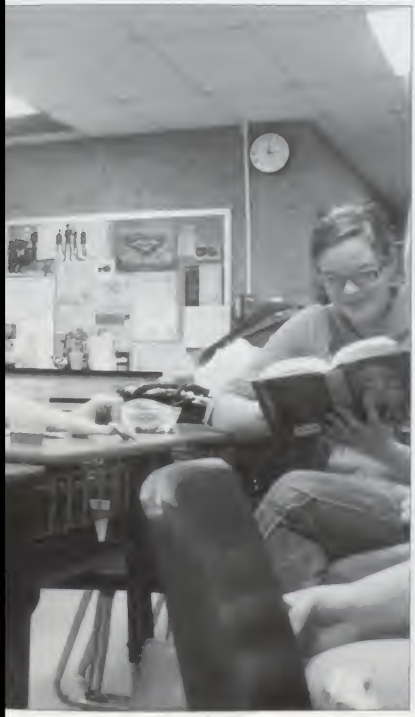
Junior Elizabeth Guglielmetti and sophmore Alex Prado enjoy listening to junior Sarah Hensley read an intense book. It is a favorite past time of the YAR members *Photo By Katie Mendez*

We had so much. . .

"We have so much fun getting together with other people who share the same intrest as you. If you like books, food, and meeting new people then you should join YAR."

Sarah Nadolski , 11

FUN!



YOUNG ADULT READERS

Today a reader, tommorow a leader

What you may despise, the members of YAR prize. Young adult readers (YAR) has read their way through many of the well known young adult books this year, and a new book every other week.

"The best part of YAR is being able to talk to people who like the same books and discussing common interest," junior Mayra Martinez said.

YAR has had two successful years at PHS. They've done many activities outside of school as well. They have held book sales and fundraisers at Barnes and Nobles and have gone to book signings in Chicago.

"The book signings were really fun. I like meeting the authors," junior Sarah Nadolski said.

YAR covers most issues when they discuss the books but one thing they always keep in mind is to have fun.

"YAR is a place where you can feel open about how you feel, and not just about the books but about the issues they address. Plus there's food," senior Emily Carpenter said.

If reading is your passion, the young adult readers will make you feel at home.

Story By Kaite Mendez

Senior Alex Roman looks over submissions for Saga's deadline. This is Roman's first year on staff.
Photo by Kaite Mendez

What makes your group **UNlike** *any other?*

"Our group lets the students of the school express their more creative side."

Brittany Bogdan, 12

"We're a very creative bunch of people and we all get along really well together."

Meagan West, 11

"We all get along really well and we're kind of crazy. In the end I guess it all works out really well."

Sarah Nadolski, 11

"Were very eccentric, but we get the job done."

Adrieanna Davis-Coco, 11

Showing the schools creative side

There are many kids at PHS that know how to express themselves. Whether it's by painting or writing, there is one place where they can share their creativity, and that is in Saga.

Saga is a student run publication that takes other students submissions, such as drawings, poetry, photography and short stories, and puts them into a book, which anyone can buy. Unfortunately not all submissions can fit into the book, and it's not an easy process to pick which ones can.

"Choosing which submissions get into the book was a lot more difficult than I thought it would be. There's so much creativity in the school," senior Alex Roman said.

This year, Saga took a new approach towards advertising their need for submissions. You may have noticed some of their "creepy" flyers put in odd places, such as bathroom stalls.

"We did a group vote and we decided that creepy grabs peoples attention," junior Meagan West said.

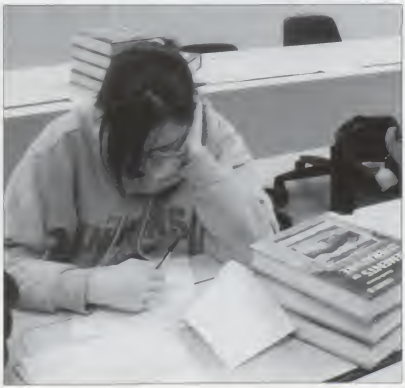
Saga is a small group that takes on a big job.

"We're an interesting bunch of people. We're all so different, but we get along and work really well together." junior Adrieanna Davis-Coco said.

Saga has been around since 1966 sharing the creativity of others with the school and continues to do so.

Story by Katie Mendez

Saga students read though, check, and complete pages to make their deadline for the book. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*



Senior Brandon Kalch works on the computer during Saga. Kalch is working on completing his pages for the book. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*

Senior Meranda Moore checks over some of the submissions that will go into Saga's book. *Photo By Kaite Mendez*

Making Memories

Not many changes were made to the yearbook department this 2009-2010 year. This must have been why the atmosphere was so lighthearted and friendly. Everybody got along well and worked well with one another. Stress was almost instinct when entering the publications room.

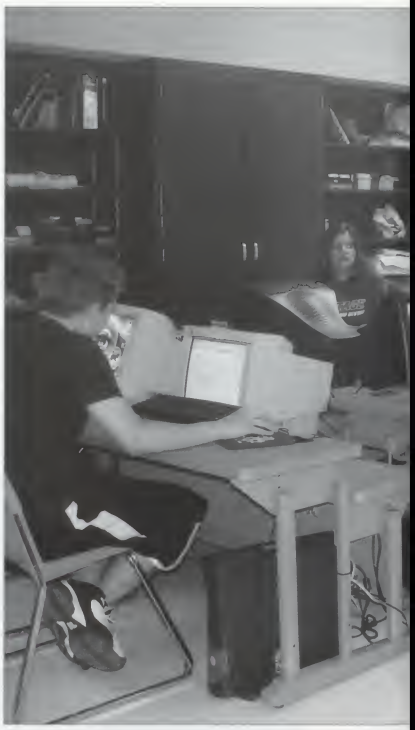
Unlike prior years, Legend has a strong, steady staff, with no new computer programs to learn. This created an inviting environment for the staff because of the familiarity with the computer programs. All members of the Legend staff got along incredibly well considering all the new members. The returning members were seniors Rachel Jordan, Karaline Cartagena, Brittney Johnson, and jounior Ben Mathewson. Having their prior experience made the year run smoothly.

However, one change was made this year. The staff, for the first time, had two Editors - In - Chief. They share the responsiblity of helping on and editing pages for the yearbook. They keep the staff on track. Rachel Jordan and Karaline Cartagena were both chosen to lead the yearbook to success.

"I personally love to be an editor. I believe that I can exert good leadership skills. This position also helps to prepare me for what I want to be come in college, which is a graphic designer," said Co-Editor Rachel Jordan. Last year Jordan was Sports Editor where as Cartagena was Student Life Editor. Their expieriences truly helped to keep everyting in order.

While the members worked incredibly hard to put the book together, they still made lots of time to joke around hand have fun. The family like staff never had a boring day. From new tattoos and piercings, to getting scolded for random pictures, this particular year was one of the best.

Story by Rosaida Rosado



Don't lie, it's so UNdeniable

Check out these total rumors and undeniable truths, courtesy of the Legend staff!

1. When you say "Legend," students don't know what you're talking about.
True.

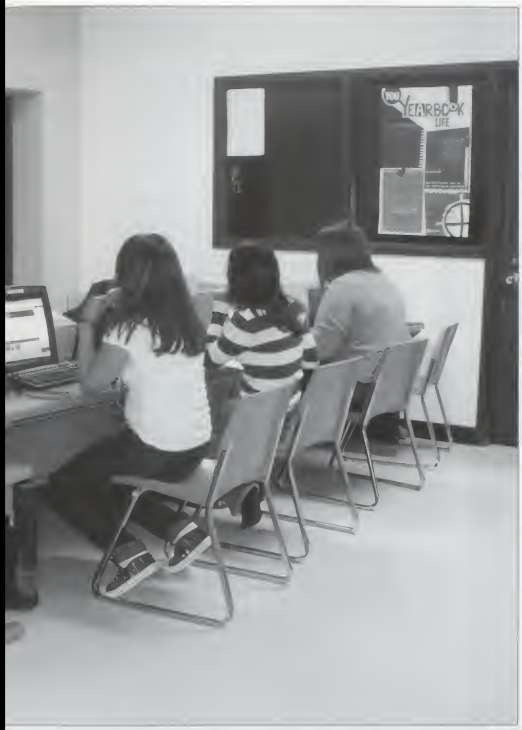
2. Legend is all work and no play.
False.

3. Music and dancing is a daily activity in Legend.
True.

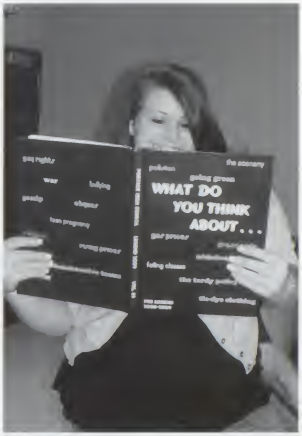
4. The two editors in cheif are as different as black and white.
True.

5. The staff is about as random as the whole student body at Portage High School.
True.

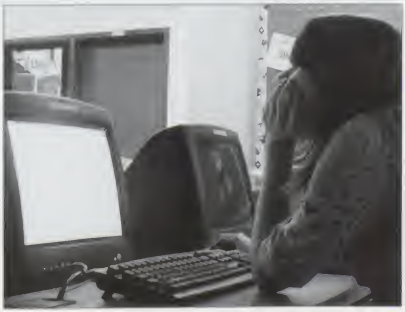
6. It's better then PowWow.
True. Very True.



Legend workers Ben Mathewson, Sharon Gil, Karaline Cartagena, and advisor Melissa Deavers work to meet their first deadline. *Photo by Rosaida Rosado*



Senior Rachel Jordan compares last years Legend to pages currently being worked on. Last year, Jordan was the sports editor. This year she makes up half of the editoral spot. Senior Karaline Cartagena, her co-editor, constantly jokes around about how different the two are, and how that makes them the perfect team. "We're like opposite ends of the swatches scale. I'm black, and she's white." Jordan said.
Photo by Rosaida Rosado



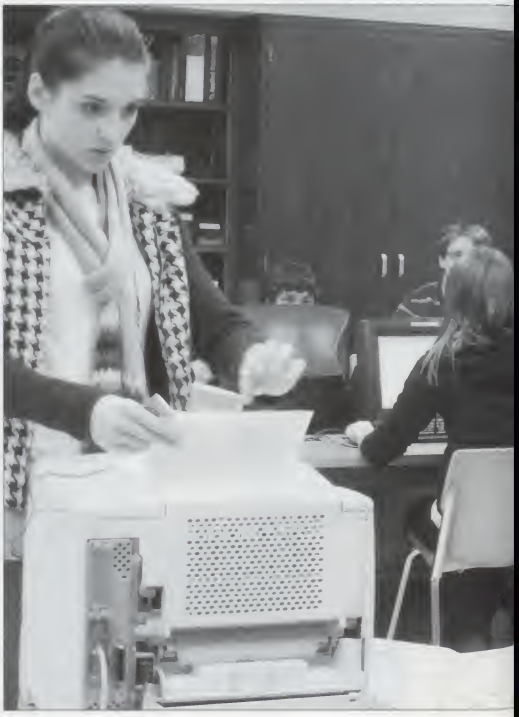
Junior Kaitlyn Mendez works on a spread for this year's yearbook. Mendez served as the Clubs section co-editor during her first year on the Legend staff. *Photo by Rosaida Rosado*

Senior and Editor-in-Chief, Cristina Kladis, works with fellow senior, Jack Collier, on his story for an upcoming issue. This was Collier's first year on staff and Kladis' third. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

Junior Grace Morris works on a book review article for a November issue of the *Pow Wow*. The group put out 14 issue this year. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

Senior and photographer Emily Smolen uploads photos while senior and photo editor Alec Back looks over and edits her pictures. *Photo by Katie Mendez*

Sophomore Morgan Jackson looks for a printout of a graphic she designed for an issue. Jackson served as the staff's only graphic designer. *Photo by Katie Mendez*



We had so much. . .

" I joined *Pow Wow* because when I was in 10th grade I took J1 [journalism] and wanted to be a journalist, but now I want to be a first amendment lawyer."

Christina Kladis, 12

FUN!

POW WOW

Newspaper goes online, on the air

Pow Wow had a very interesting year full of new changes and advancments. In addition to the change from one Editor-In-Chief to three, this was the first year that the Pow Wow publications staff put together both an online Web site and a radio show in addition to the booming newspaper released every two weeks.

The Web site offered everything that was published in the newspaper and more. This includes everything from headline stories to fashion advice. Jack Collier rans a fashion section on the web site called the Squalor. Having this blog allowed for freedom of speech to take affect. "I like giving the news to people who otherwise do not know whats going on. And I like the drama and freedom of speech," Collier said. Editor-In-Chief Brandon Kalch was mainly in charge of keeping the web site in order and updated, while Cristina Kladis and Jordan Steiger maintained order in the newspaper.

The other addition, a radio show based on the Pow Wow, has allowed for people who do not necessarily enjoy reading, to listen to the news. Freshman Collin Czilli and Brandon Vickery were the creators and sole members of Pow Wow radio. Vickery was in charge of sporting events and Czilli was in charge of the news. A listener favorite is the "Meet the Indians" interviews done once a week, allowing for the students to get to know one another. The boys did thier own reserch and broadcasted twice a week. "We hope to continue and expand. We hope to have, maybe, a seperate class with a staff," Vickrey said.

All the changes made for a very exciting year. The staff was very close and had alot of fun working with one another. Not a day went by when they did not create a fantastic newspaper.

Story by Rosaida Rosado

ACES

The top 30 of the class of 2010

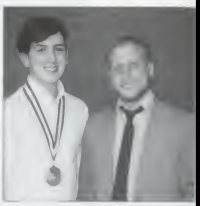
Amanda Alasauskas and William Bodnar

Emily Barnes and Robert Kania

Alyssa Black and James Downes

Danielle Bryan and Amy Burke

Emily Carpenter and Heather Castle



John Collier and Thomas Kenning

Jonathan Cox and Marjorie Slamkowski

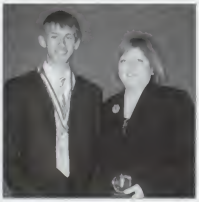
Evan Dominguez and John Zack

Tara Ellis and Dave Lesich

Sarah Flores and Robert Parker

Timothy Gehrels and Darryl Schultz

Kelly Grish and Sally Kopko



Ryan Kaminski and Brenda Nowosad

Shelby Keith and Andrea Flynn

Amanda Klenk and
Jeannette Barich

Elisabeth Leach and
Linda Peda

Jonathan Lehmann and
Mark Peterson

Marla Mayfield and
Janet Smith

Luke Morris and
Cheryl Clapp

Abigail Percifield
and Donna Wirick

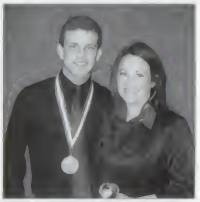
Stephen Perry and
James Wheeler

Amber Riley and
Thomas McKeown

Olivia Rivera and
Rhonda Doane

Caressa Rospierski and
Bryan Lochmondy

Anna Simmons and
Dr. Debra Dudek



Casey Smith and
Carrie Brown

Sarah Smith and
Cindy Stojic

Kristyn Stanfield and
Jess Munden

Jordan Steiger and
Melissa Deavers

Holly Tharp and
Vanessa George

Releasing an album • Creating a web site • Studying abroad • Getting the lead in the musical • Putting together a service project • Having a book published • Just being yourself • Playing in a band • Starting a new club • Hosting a radio show • Competing to be valedictorian • Learning a new hobby • Doing whatever it takes to make yourself

UNique!

Science teacher Stephanie Crook feels the muscles of one of her Environmental Club members. Crook was shocked at the amount of work the student was able to do at one of their service projects to help the environment. *Photo by Tylar Foster*

UNmovable

Have you ever gotten the boot before? Senior Braelyn Racso's car, named "Big Red," did her junior year. It might have been ridiculous then, but now she says it's completely amusing.

"It was absolutely ridiculous! I was parked in my boyfriend's spot, because I took him to school and [secretary] Mrs. Herr said it was okay to park there. I even had his parking pass hanging," Racso said.

The amount of cars booted this year was, "... in the neighborhood of five or six," according to Officer Troy Williams, PHS resource officer.

In the end it took quite a long time for an officer to come that night after school to remove the boot off of Racso's car.

"What if I didn't have money on me to pay the ten dollars? An office lady told me my car is staying at school overnight if Troy couldn't make it," Racso said.

Braelyn is pretty mad about the incident still, but she can laugh about it now.

Story By Brianna Angarola

Sierra Adams
Kyle Adkins
BPA 9, 10, 11, 12, Captain's Council 11, 12, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); NHS 11, 12, OYM 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11
Amanda Alasauskas
Athletic Training 11, Basketball 12 (manager); Cheerleading 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Choraliers 12; Fall Play 12; Junior Miss 11 (Third Runner Up); Diversity Club 11; NHS 12; Orchestra 9, Senior Class Vice President, Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12, Thespians 12
Stephanie Alvalles
Sean Alvey
Football 9, 11, 12; ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12

Brianna Angarola
HOSA 12; Legend 12
Irene Anguiano
Kaitlynn Antal
BPA 10, 11, 12 (Vice President)
Caleb Anthonijsz
Albert Arnold
Nicholas Arroyo
BPA 12; Choir 9, 10, Choraliers 9, Fall Play 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; OYM 12, Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12 (Vice President)
Amanda Ashford
Band 9, 10, 11; BPA 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, Spanish Club 11, 12; Student Council 12
Stephen Ayers
Robert Ayers
Fall Play 12; Football 9, 10, Latin Club 9, 10, 11, OYM 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12
Alec Back
Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Paw Wow 10, 11, 12, Diving 9, 10, 11, 12

Braelyn Rasco is holding a boot, graciously provided by Rosaida Rosado, infront of "Big Red" which is parked in her very own parking space. *Photo By Brittany Johnson*

Racso waves to the parade goers while riding in her friend's car in the Portage homecoming parade. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Nicholas Baraba
Denisha Barnes
Emily Barnes
Campus Life 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12; Choir 9; FLHS 11, 12; NHS 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12
Sarah Barreda
Rico Batista

Nicole Bauer
HOSA 11
Kyle Bauske
Cody Beal
Briana Beasley
Stephanie Bedalow
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9; Peer Tutoring 9, 10, 11, 12

Ryan Bell
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Kevia Bennett
Amanda Benson
Lauren Berman
Pom Pons 9
Autumn Birkmeyer

Rami Bishop
Alyssa Black
BPA 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11 (Historian); Spring Musical 9
Julissa Blackmon
Basketball 11; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 (Librarian, President)
Auriel Blackwell
Nicholas Bligh

Brittany Bogdan
Choir 9, 10, 11 (Vice President); Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Paw Wow 12; Saga 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Student Council 12; YAR 10, 11, 12
Ashley Boger
Alexandra Bolin
Megan Brammer
HOSA 11, NHS 11, 12, 9, 10, 11, 12; Career and Technical Honor Society 12
Mallory Bridges
Band 9, 10, 11, 12, BPA 11, 12 (Vice President), Junior Miss 11; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, NHS 12; Orchestra 9; Pep Band 9; Spring Musical 9, 12, German Club 11, 12 (Vice President)

Armando Briones-Tejeda
Candace Broadie
Brenden Brown
Catherine Brown
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12
Danielle Bryan
Captains Council 12; FLHS 11; HOSA 11; NHS 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain), Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Mea Bujna
HOSA 11, 12 (Vice President); Junior Miss 12; Soccer 9, 10; Student Council 10
Aaron Burcham
Gregory Burchuk
Marcus Bush
Football 10, 11, 12
Courtney Byrd
Basketball 9; Captains Council 12; Choir 9, Softball 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Miryam Cabrales
Eric Cannon
Kyle Canterbury
Angelina Cardenas
HOSA 12
Emily Carpenter
Band 9; Choir 9; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12 (Historian, Vice President, President); Fall Play 12; FLHS 11, 12; Freshmen Class President; Junior Class President; Junior Miss 11; NHS 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 (Student Body President); Thespians 12; YAR 11, 12 (Vice President)

Karaline Cartagena
Fall Play 12; FLHS 11, 12; Legend 11, 12 (Editor-in-Chief); NHS 11, 12; Soccer 9; Spring Musical 12; Thespians 12
David Castellanos
Dawn Caudill
Timothy Cawthon
Vincent Chandler
Band 9, 10; ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12 (Commanding Officer); Soccer 9, 10, 11

classy COLLAZO

Senior Melvin Collazo is the definition of class by wearing well-planned outfits to school each day.

Legend: Where do you like to shop the most?

Collazo: "My favorite is Express, but I like jeans from Abercrombie and Fitch."

Legend: Where do you get your hair cut?

Collazo: Mighty Sharp Barber Shop

Legend: How often do you go shopping?

Collazo: "Every time I'm at the mall, so about every other week."

"I'm so fresh"

David Charnetzky
Luis Chavez
Art Club 11; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 12, Spanish Club 10, 11
Shelby Ciena
Art Club 9
Matthew Clifford
Art Club 12, Marching Band 11; Quiz Bowl 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
Carlos Colon
Basketball 9

Dominique Colunga
Cary Concoby
Fall Play 11, 12; Spring Musical 11, 12
Jacob Cook
Fall Play 12, OYM 12; Spring Musical 12
Dylan Coran
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12 (Sergeant Major)
Courtney Corbett

Shannon Corcoran
Academic Team 11, 12 (Captain), Band 9, 10, 11, 12, German Club 10, 12 (Vice President); Junior Miss 11; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Section Leader), Orchestra 9; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Quiz Bowl 11, Science Olympiad 10, 11, 12 (Vice President, President); YAR 11, 12;
Jonathan Cox
Captains Council 12; NHS 11, 12 (Treasurer); OYM 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
Megan Cox
Kiara Crooks
Alexis Crump
Pom Poms 9, 10, 11, 12

Senior Emily Carpentar sings "Santa Baby" at the choraliers concert during the revealing of the Secret Pals.
Photo By Rachel Jordan

"It's unbelievable how fast high school has gone by and how slow senior year goes."

Nathan Malast, 12

"It's unbelievable how seniors won the spirit stick four years in a row."

Lauren Berman, 12

"It's unbelivable how awesome the class of 2010 is!"

Bre Beasley, 12

Matthew Cunningham
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12 (Officer)
Nicole Dabrowski
Jonathan Dahlin
Darien Davis
Maryah Davis

Micah Davis
Luke Deckard
Paw Wow 11, 12 (Section Editor)
Elizabeth Delacruz
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Drum Major), Pep Band 10, 11
Rebecca Delacruz
Louis Deleon

Matthew Demmond
Mark Devyak
Football 9; Wrestling 9, 12
Rosalie Dexter
Yvette Diaz
Michelle Dingman

Senior Joey Maldanado passes off the bean bags durng the Natural Helpers Cornhole Tournament at PHS. *Photo By Steven Saylor*

Seniors Tim Gerhels and Scott Reynolds talk before a tennis match. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

"It's unbelievable that I learned a new party trick to bring joy to my friends around me."

Molly Kirby, 12

"It's unbelievable how after four years you realize who your real friends are."

Lauren Freeman, 12

"You'd think that working hard everyday for almost three months, just for three performances of a play, isn't worth it. But those were three unbelievable nights that I will never forget."

Jacob Cook, 12

Seiche Dogan
Freshman Class Rep, Junior Class Rep, Junior Mac, Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Senior Class President, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Natural Helpers 11, 12

Evan Dominguez
Band 9, 10, 11; Capeatre Council 11, 12; Fall Play 11; FLHS 11, Freshman Class Vice President, Diversity Club 11; Natural Helpers 11, 12, NHS 11, 12; OYM 12; Paw Wow 12; Sophomore Class Rep., Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

Brenda Driver
ROTC 9

Roger Driver

Daniel Drummond

Randle Drummnod

Katherine Dwyer
Athletic Training 12, Bowling 12, BPA 9, 10; HOSA 12 (Treasurer); NHS 12; Softball 9, 10; Track and Field 11, 12

Sean Edwards

Sean Egolf

Amanda Elkins

Amber Elkins

Stephanie Elkins

Tara Ellis
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); Captains Council 10, 11, 12; FLHS 11, Natural Helpers 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Eric Espinosa

Alyssa Evetts

Jabria Ezell
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 11, Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12

Wayne Fagan

Ashley Farley
Captains Council 11, 12, Gymnastics 9, 11, 12 (Captain); Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Micah Farley
Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Latin Club 9, 10, 11; Pep Band 9, 10; Tennis 10, 11, 12

Cheyenne Farr

Sara Feehan
FLMS 11; Junior Miss 11; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer), Volleyball 9, 10

Sarah Ferguson
Choir 9, 10; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 10, 11, 12

Cody Fields

Christina Fink
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12 (Head Librarian)

Lorna Fink
Cheerleading 10; HOSA 11, 12

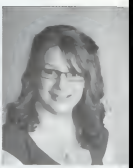
Ashley Fisch

Julie Fletcher
Captains Council 12; Cheerleading 10, 11, 12 (Captain); HOSA 11, 12 (Representative); Junior Miss 11

Sarah Flores
Band 12; Diversity Club 11, 12 (Historian); NHS 12, Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Spring Musical 11, 12, Thespians 12

Amanda Fortenberry
Choir 9; HOSA 11, 12; Spanish Club 9

Mario Franco



Sharing a **Passion**

How long have you been in orchestra?
Feehan: Four years at PHS, Seven all together.

What instuments do you play, and at what level do you play them?
Feehan: Violin in the advanced class (concertmaster), cello in the intermediate class, and bass in the beginning class

What are your plans after highschool?
Feehan: Going to Ball State University to get a degree in Music Education or Elementary Education

What drives you to keep playing and practicing constantly to get better?
Feehan: Because knowing that I have a musical talent makes me feel good about myself and that in the future I will be able to share my passion with others.

Sara Feehan, 12

The Chic Standards of Kladis

"I think that following fashion trends is very unoriginal, and I like to think I just wear what I like, Whether it's in fashion or not." Cristina Kladis

Legend: What is your favorite fashion trend:

Kladis: "I don't follow fashion trends, they go out of style."

Legend: What do you wear most often?

Kladis: "Band T-shirts, I like a lot of punk bands."

Legend: Where do you love to shop?

Kladis: "I enjoy shoppong at cool thrift stores."

Courteney Franklin
Johnathon Franklin
Traci Franklin
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; HOSA 11
Lauren Freeman
Jennifer Fultz

Emma Ganske
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12
Kenny Garcia
Latin Club 12; Spanish Club 12 (President); Student Council 10, 11, 12 (Class Rep.); Environmental Club 11, 12 (Vice President)
Jesse Garibaldi
Choir 9, 10; Fall Play 12; HOSA 11, 12 (Rep.); Natural Helpers 11, 12; OYM 12, Paw Wow 11, 12; Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12 (Rep.); Thespians 11, 12
Christopher Garus
Corey Garzella
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

Karalyn Gayton
Timothy Gehrels
Captains Council 12; NHS 11, 12 (Secretary), OYM 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
Aisha Geiger
Justin Gentry
Sharom Gil
Diversity Club 12; Legend12; Pom Poms 12

What makes you . . .

Senior Alysha Mardis took pre-calculus to achieve her honors diploma. "I like it. It's a lot easier than I thought it would be. You know, being able to do stuff that I really struggled to do last year in algebra two. The whole first part of this class is reviewing stuff from the very end of algebra two. In this class, everything is just really clicking. I am so proud of myself for doing this."

Alysha Mardis, 12

UNbelievable?

Andrea Glancy
Nathan Gland
Ashley Goldsmith
Frank Gonzales
Carrie Gonzalez
BPA 11, 12 (Secretary); HOSA 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12 (Vice President); NHS 11, 12

Cristina Gonzalez
Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12
Eric Gonzalez
Football 11; ROTC 9, 10; Track and Field 12
Joseluis Granillo
Eric Gray
Natalie Griffin
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Kelly Grish
Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Choir 9, Freshman Class Treasurer; Diversity Club 11, 12 (Historian); NHS 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 (Student Body Historian)
Anthony Grochowski
Malasha Guajardo
Raven Gue
Athletic Training 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 12 (manager); Homecoming Court 12, HOSA 11; Diversity Club 12; Student Council 9; Student Court 9, Track and Field 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12 (manager)
Rachel Guenther

Justin Guerrero
Carlos Gutierrez
Athletic Training 11, Band 9, Football 12; HOSA 11; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Danielle Hakes
HOSA 11, 12
Dylan Hall
Timothy Hall

Desi Handley
Nicole Harnung
McKenzie Harsha
Breanne Harvey
Adam Hawkins

Danielle Henson
Sarah Herald
Jennifer Hernandez
Pedro Hernandez
Brandon Herrera

Jacklyn Herrman
Angela Higginbotham
Vocational 12
Jameela Higgins
Courtnie Hilton
Maria Hinson

Rebecka Hoadrea
Zachary Hoggard
Michael Hoover
Melissa Hudson
Choir 9, 10; HOSA 11
Tiffany Hughes

Eriberto Huizar
Damian Hunt
Lindsey Hutchins
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Characters 12; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 9; Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12
Alyssa Ingram
Erin Jackman

David Jackowski
Domenyk Jackson
Janet Jagiela
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12
Katelyn Janiga
Thomas Jimenez

Abigail Joffre
Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Aramis Johnson
Band 9, 10, Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Diversity Club 10; Pep Band 9, 10, 11; Spring Musical 12
Brittany Johnson
Basketball 9; Legend 10, 11, 12, Peer Tutor 10, 11, 12
Chanel Johnson
Marcus Jones

Rachel Jordan
Basketball 9, Legend 11, 12 (Section Editor, Editor-in-Chief); Natural Helpers 11; Paw Wow 11, 12; Spanish Club 9; Track and Field 9, 10
Noppawan Junyanid
Captains Council 12; Cheerleders 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11, Diversity Club 11, 12, Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12
Brandon Kalch
Andrea Kaminski
Ryan Kaminski

Andrew Keil
Shelby Keith
Aaron King
Molly Kirby
Cristina Kladis
Academic Team 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FLHS 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9; NHS 11, 12; Pep Band 9; Paw Wow 11, 12 (Section Editor, Editor-in-Chief); Quiz Bowl 12; Science Olympiad 10; YAR 10, 11, 12 (Secretary), Recycling Club 10, 11, 12

Amanda Klenk
Captains Council 11, 12; FLHS 11, NHS 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Recycling Club 10, 11; Senior Class Secretary; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
Paige Kniola
Kyle Knotts
Daniel Komenda
Alexander Konecny

Kyle Kremke
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; OYM 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12
Joseph Kyle
Dylan Lafrance
Travis Larson
Elisabeth Leach

From being **Taught** *to being* **Teacher**

"We get to go to elementary schools and teach. I want to be a teacher. If you want to be a teacher, cadet teaching is the place to be."

Aramis Johnson, 12

Eric Lee
Jonathan Lehmann
Alexander Linville
Carrie Lipe
Christian Little

Kendrick Lo
Derek Logsdon
Armando Lopez, Jr.
Yvonne Lopez
Damonte Lowery

Michael Lynn
Jose Maldonado
Vanessa Maldonado
HOSA 11, 12
Angelina Malott
Sarah Marcotte
Choir 9, French Club 10; Orchestra 9

Alysha Mardis
Choir 9, 10, 11, Spanish Club 9
Andrew Marek
Melissa Martinez
Natalie Martinez
YAR 11
Marla Mayfield
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer, Librarian); FLHS 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; NHS 11, 12; Spring Musical 9

Cory McClellan
Kenneth McCoy
Joslyn McDonald
Band 9, 10; HOSA 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); Spring Musical 12
Megan McFadden
Choir 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10; French Club 12, Junior Miss 11
Emily McGrath
Campus Life 9, 10, 11, 12

Sean McMurray
Captains Council 11; Latin Club 9, 10, 11; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12
Myles Mendoza
Athletic Training 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Football 9, 11; OYM 12
Allison Mesarch
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
Nicholas Mescal
Kelsey Mikita

"It's unbelievable how we actually meet deadline a couple of times in yearbook my senior year."

Rachel Jordan, 12

"Senior year brough me unbelievable friends that I will have for a life time."

Ashley Fisch, 12

"Mrs. Evans is unbelievably amazing!"

Sara Feehan, 12

Seniors Emily Carpenter and Jack Collier enjoy themselves during the Homecoming dance. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Bonnie Miller
Sarah Molnar
Tyler Monohan
Basketball 9, Captains Council 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, GYM 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); Wrestling 11
Christopher Moore
Brittany Moritz

Luke Morris
Thomas Mosley
Jaclyn Moss
Melissa Mula
Amanda Muniz

Luis Murillo
Autumn Murray
Eric Murray
Michelle Nafus
Raquel Nardini

"Our music department is unbelievable. Evenyone in the department is amazing! Students, staff, everyone!"

Brittany Bodgan, 12

"It's unbelievable to look back at the past four years and see how much we've all grown in so many different ways."

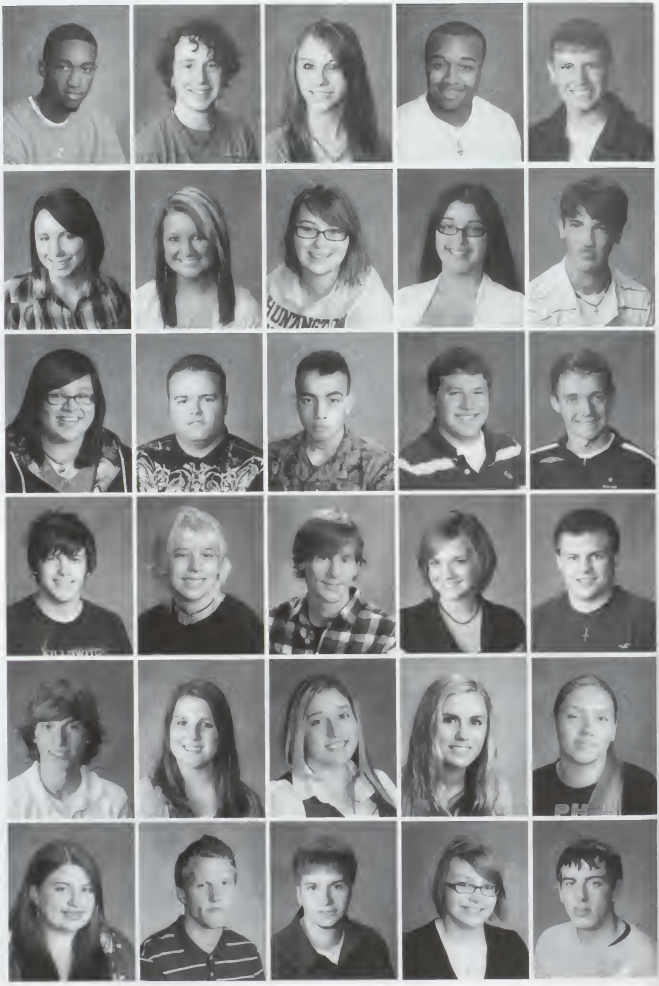
Sarah Herald, 12

""It's unbelievable that censorship is so prevalent in this school."

Jack Collier, 12

Seniors Nick Whittney, Kyle Knotts and Sterling Williams look to the crowd for support during the powder puff game. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Senior Rachel Jordan poses like the hulk during Super Hero day during Spirit Week. Jordan painted her arms, face, and legs with green body paint along with dying her hair temporarally black to resemble the Hulk. *Photo By Karaline Caragena*



Donte Nelson
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 11, 12
Michael Nelson
Sarah Newton
Anthony Nichols
Trevor Noffsinger

Kali Norfrey
Britni Novina
Mallorie Oetman
Ashley Otero
Dylan Ozbolt

Amanda Padilla
Choir 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12
Jason Panozzo
Pow Wow 12
Israel Pantoja
Austin Parker
OYM 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11
Sean Parpart
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 9, 11, 12

Steven Patterson
Tayla Patterson
Kyle Peksenak
Hope Pennington
Stephen Perry
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 11, 12; NHS 12

Dakota Pineda
Samantha Piro
Amanda Plebanski
Pom Pons 12
Marissa Pollock
Nicole Potts

Rachel Poulidakis
David Privett
Lucas Purcell
Basketball 9
Lauren Quade
Adam Raber

Johnny Mourani

"...Ballinnn!"

2007 Inferno red Chrysler Sebring

- **Purchased in March of 2009**
- **Added decals**
- **20" rims**
- **Surround sound system**
- **Touch screen radio/ TV**

Johnny Maurani is kneeling beside his inferno red "coolest car of the year". Maurani's car was voted coolest car of the year.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Breanna Rajca

Braelyn Rasco
HOSA 12; Junior Miss 11; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12

Amber Reed
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 9; Spring Musical 9

Michael Reed
Basketball 9

Nicholas Retherford

Jeffrey Reynolds
Basketball 9; Captains Council 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 9

Jade Richey

Amber Riley
Choir 9, 10, 11 (Treasurer, Secretary), FLHS 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12 (Secretary); NHS 11, 12 (Co-Historian); Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Stephanie Rivas

Olivia Rivera
HOSA 12; Junior Miss 11

Alyssa Robinson
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12

Alfonso Rodriguez
BPA 9; Fall Play 12, Football 9, 10; Diversity Club 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, Student Council 12, Track and Field 9

Dyalissa Rodriguez

Isabella Rodriguez

Jose Rodriguez

Senior Jesse Garabaldi watches how a procedure is done in his dental vocational class. *Photo By Brittnay Johnson*

MCJROTC members present the flags at the 50 yard line during the National Anthem at a football game. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

"It's unbelievable how friends never change."

Jacob Sullivan, 12

"Senior year has flown by unbelievably fast. Time really does fly by too fast. Advice to underclassmen: Take advantage of every moment you have here."

Karaline Cartagena, 12

"Portage High is great school and I'm thankful for the opportunity I go to go here."

Mario Franco, 12

Alexandria Roman
Victor Roman
Rosaida Rosado
Choir 9, 10, 11 (Vice President); Legend (Section Editor); Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Paw Wow 12; Spring Musical 12;
Caressa Rospierski
Foreign Language Honor Society 11, 12; Junior Class Treasurer; Junior Mas 11 (Top 12); NHS 12; Spanish Club 11 (Vice President); Student Council 10, 11, 12 (Student Body Treasurer)
Christopher Russell

Jayme Russell
BPA 10; Computer Technology Club 12
Keenan Ruzga
Athletic Training 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain); Captains Council 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captains); NHS 11, 12; OYM 12; Sophomore Class President; Student Council 9, 10, 11
Samantha Sacek
Tonya Saklaczynski
Monique Samardak

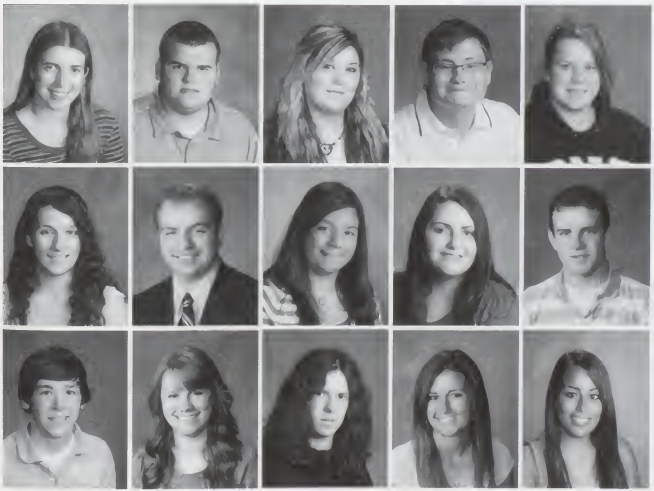
Salvador Sanchez
Jason Schaeffer
Rachel Schest
Christopher Schreier
BPA 10, 11; Captains Council 11, 12; OYM 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)
Mariza Serrano

Seniors Seiche Dogan, Rachel Jordan, and Sara Feehan pose during senior girls swim night. *Photo By Karaline Cartagena*

"2010: It's been real."
Casey Smith, 12

"It's unbelievable to think we have made it to thie point in our lives we have been dreaming about the most. Ant that our parents were always right when they said these are the quiest years of our lives."
Joey Bain, 12

"These four years went by so fast."
Katie VanGilder, 12



Jessica Shaffer
David Sharp
Brandie Shell
Michael Shendrick
Ashley Sickles

Anna Simmons
Donald Skalka
Vanessa Slinker
French Club 11

Ashley Smith
Academic Team 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; Saga 11; Senior Class Rep , Student Council 10, 11, 12

Casey Smith
FLHS 11, 12, NHS 12, OYM 12; Science Olympiad 11, 12; Spanish 9, 10; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Student Court 12

Matthew Smith

Sarah Smith
Choir 9, 10 (Secretary), Fall Play 12; French Club 9, 10, 11 (Vice President, President); Junior Miss 11, NHS 11, 12 (Historian); Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 (Student Body Vice President); Recycling Club 10, 11)

Timothy Smith

Rhiannon Smolar
Captains Council 12; HOSA 11; Softball 9, 10, 11 12

Christine Solis
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11

Lamia Solite
Soccer 9, 10, 11 12, Track and Field 10, 12

Nathan Sommers
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; BPA 10, 11, 12, Chorders 9; Fall Play 9, 12; Jazz Band 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 9; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Tennis 9, 10

Jayme Spencer
Bowling 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12

Kristyn Standfield
FLHS 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Natural Helpers 11; NHS 11, 12 (Vice President); Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Recycling Club 10, 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11

Jordan Steiger
Captains Council 12; Natural Helpers 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Pre-Vrsv 10, 11, 12 (Editor-in-Chief); Recycling Club 11; Softball 9; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Captain)

Kayla Stone
Mallory Stowers
Cortney Stutler
Jacob Sullivan
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Jamie Sullivan

Nicole Sutton
Erica Tellez
Holly Tharp
Clarissa Thomas
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 (President); Choristers 10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Student Council 10, 11
Mon'trell Thomas

Let's Get Physical...

"It's the only free time we get at school."

Giovannie Taylor, 12

"I took gym to get in shape."

Myles Mendoza, 12

Physical Education

Senior Austin Parker is interviewd by Officer Troy Williams during Outstanding Young Man. Parker said that he wished he could meet George Washington to ask him if he was ever "scared" during his presidency.
Photo By Rachel Jordan

Ryan Thompson
Robert Thorne
Jamila Thurmond
Stephanie Tibbs
Michael Tischbein

Damien Torres
Robert Tovar
Chelsea Trader
Bret Trowbridge
Michael Trujillo

Ashley Tulacz
Courtney Tuthill
Stephanie Tyrka
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12. Natural Helpers, 11, 12
Brendon Umbs
Stacia Upton

Juniors Christian Cherry and Anthony Cheky and senior Joey Maldonado enjoy themselves as they participate in the "Beanbang Tournament". The money raised from the tournament went to help fund the Natural Helpers program. *Photo By Steven Saylor*

Senior boys Drew Keil, Jesse Garibaldi and Tyler Monahan participate in OYM's physical portion. The boys remembered Michael Jackson as the dance was set to Jackson's song "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough". *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Allan Urbanczyk
Haley Urquidi
Lauren Vandersteen
Kathleen VanGilder
Ashley Vanove

Shawnna Vizena
Dominique Walton
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12
Dylan Ward
Brittanie Warren
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 9, 10
Heather Watson
HOSA 11; Junior Miss 11; Orchestra 9, 10, 12; Softball 9, 10; Student Council 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10

Christopher Weber
Brandon Welbourne
Football 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 11, 12
Brittney Weldon
Carissa West
HOSA 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11
Lauren Whitman
Art Club 10; NHS 12; Student Court 12; Strategy Club 11 (Vice President)

Nicholas Whitney
Freshman Class Secretary; Junior Class Secretary; NHS 12; Sophomore Class Rep.; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12 (Student Body Secretary)

Andrea Wick
BPA 11, 12 (Treasurer) Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12

Kayla Wilken
Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9; HOSA 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Morgan Williams
Band 9, 10; FLHS 11, 12, French Club 9, 10, 11; Junior Miss 11, Marching Band 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Shelby Williams
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FLHS 12, Pep Band 9, 10

Tyler Williams
Baseball 9, Football 9; Wrestling 10, 11, 12

Sterling Williamson
Soccer 9, 10, 11

Courtney Wilson
Captains Council 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

David Wilson
Bowling 9, 10, 11, 12

Taylor Wilson
Golf 11, 12; Junior Miss 11; Wrestling (Manager) 10, 11, 12; Speech and Debate Team 9

Brianne Wischman
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12

Hannah Wise
Choir 9, Charoleers 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

Mark Wollum
BPA 10, 11, 12 (Secretary, Presvdent); NHS 12; Student Council 12

Jasmine Wright

Laura Wright

Ryan Wright

Alexander Yong
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Michael Zajicek

Jasmin Zamora
Band 9, 10; Fall Play 12; Junior Miss 11; Spanish Club 11

Brian Zarakas

Kimberly Zepeda

Ashley Zombik
HOSA 11, 12

Definately Not UNsponsored!

Portage has its very own Guitar Herro, and Ben Mathewson is to the rescue!

In May 2009, Ben was playing at an ameture Guitar Hera II competition in Chicago where he was discovered and there after sponsered by Monster! In June 2009, Mathewson placed second in a New York National competition and therd later that August.

Being sponsered by Monster means free Monster energy drinks for Mathewson.

"Monster said if I keep winning I can get a job as a video game tester," he said.

Just think, getting paid for playing games the rest of your life. Mathewson is living proof that dreams can become reality.

Story by Brianna Angarola

Austin Ackermann
Alexander Acosta
Luis Acuna
Keenen Agee
Timothy Ahner
Danielle Aimone
Sabrina Alaniz
Craig Alley

Dean Anderson
Jeremy Anderson
Melissa Anguiano
Ashley Antle
Carlos Aragon
Crislyn Arcuri
Jacquelyn Arnold
Richard Arredondo

Ashley Arriaza
Kristen Ashby
Juhana Asi
Brenda Avila
Ryan Ayala
Nicholas Ayres
Amanda Bach
Rodney Back

Jennifer Bailey
April Baker
Eniroque Balerini
Brian Barnas
Meegan Barner
Ambassador Barnes
Michael Barnes
Tiffany Barrientez

Sophomore Ben Mathewson won a Guitar Hero Tournament last summer, which earned him a sponsorship by Monster Energy Drink. *Photo by Kayla Mills*

Mathewson plays Guitar Hero with a group of fellow students at a Campus Life event in January. *Photo provided by Gail Morris*

Ashley Barton
Rileigh Basich
Taylor Basich
Chassity Bauswell
Alexis Beasley
Dillon Beaudry
Tyler Beck
Kendra Becker

Madison Becker
Samantha Becker
Kiefer Beghtel
Matthew Bell
Stephanie Benak
Angel Berg
Diana Bernal
Elizabeth Berns

Michael Berridge
Charles Bertolo
Heidi Bilderback
Zachary Bish
Ashley Blastick
Clarissa Blazek
Tori Bliss
Eleanor Bloom

Ethan Boehm
Amanda Bogolin
Tyler Bohling
Paige Bomba
James Bowen
Heriberto Bravo
Jorden Breezley
Ashley Brinnehl

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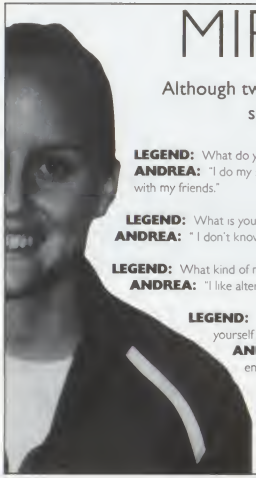
Although twins Ashley and Andrea Hallmen may be identical, they show some differences in their personalities!



LEGEND: What do you do after school?
ANDREA: "I do my school work and hung out with my friends."

LEGEND: What is your favorite food?
ANDREA: " I don't know, maybe friut or salad."

LEGEND: What kind of music do you like?
ANDREA: "I like alternative."

LEGEND: How would you describe yourself in three words?
ANDREA: "Athletic, nice, and enthusiastic."

LEGEND: What activities/sports are you in?
ANDREA: "I play soccer, left midfield."

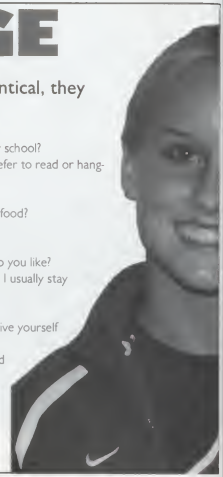
LEGEND: What do you do after school?
ASHLEY: "I play soccer, but I prefer to read or hang out with my sister."

LEGEND: What is your favorite food?
ASHLEY: "I love all food!"

LEGEND: What kind of music do you like?
ASHLEY: "Alternative and Rock, I usually stay away from that rap crap."

LEGEND: How would you descrive yourself in three words?
ASHLEY: "Cheerful, sarcastic, and silly."

LEGEND: What activities/sports are you in?
ASHLEY: "Just soccer for school, midfield or a forward."



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Michael Brunner
Joshua Bugarin
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Fernando Burgos
Mary Burnett
Kaytlynd Burns
Caitlyn Burr
Rita Burton
Anthony Byrom
Marcos Cabrales
Scott Cairns

Zachary Camel
Lauren Campbell
Leonard Campbell
Sean Campbell
Kyle Carlotta
Willie Carson
Ashley Carter
Ricky Carter

Erin Cassidy
Elisa Castillo
Cory Castor
Christopher Cather
Joseph Cepolski
Liane Cesare
Nicholas Chaja
Chelsea Chambers

Erica Chambers
Daniel Chavez
Gesenia Chavez
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Christian Cherry
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Lyndsi Clay
Catherine Clem
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Jonathan Coffing
Adam Coffman

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Natasha Collins
Victor Colon
Chelsea Combs
Macalester Conners
Megan Conners
Richard Contreras

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Desiree Craig
Jeffrey Craig
Brandon Crandall
Brooklynn Creech
Kayla Crews
Hayley Crofton
Tiffany Cross

Kevin Crowe
Lindy Crum
Eric Curbow
William Curry
Jessica Dabrowski
Travis Daily
Megan Dalby
Thomas Damon

Victor David
Sarah Davies
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Thomas Derr
Chelsea Devault

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Brittany Doll
Trent Doud
Kyle Dranchak
Julie Dube

Ashley Duda
Jesse Duque
Julian Duron
Daniel Dutton
Darren Duvall
Benjamin Dvorscak
Aaron Eastridge
Cameron Eaton

Nicolas Echevarria
Kaden Edmonds
Dustin Edwards
Alexandra Elisha
Michael Elkins
Samantha Elkins
Gregory Ellis
Robert Emmart

What was your most **UNforgettable** project?

In Mr. Wolfman's ICP class, students are challenged with the project of making a tower out of a sinlge piece of paper. Students in the class compete against each other to try to make the tower as high as they can.

"We put three legs on the piece of paper and then attached it to the tall part of the paper. We almost got it up to five feet."

Tim Talley, 11

Matthew Emmons
Scott Ershick
Richard Espino
Linda Esquivel
Nicholas Etheridge
Abigail Evans
Danielle Evans
Kristy Evans

Kylie Evans
Eric Ewing
Nicholas Fa-Kouri
Nicholas Fabian
Ross Falk
Bernadette Fannin
Jonathan Feliciano
Anton Fentress

Ray Ferrer
Johnny Figueroa
Michelle Figueroa
Reinaldo Figueroa
Haley Fine
Christopher Fink
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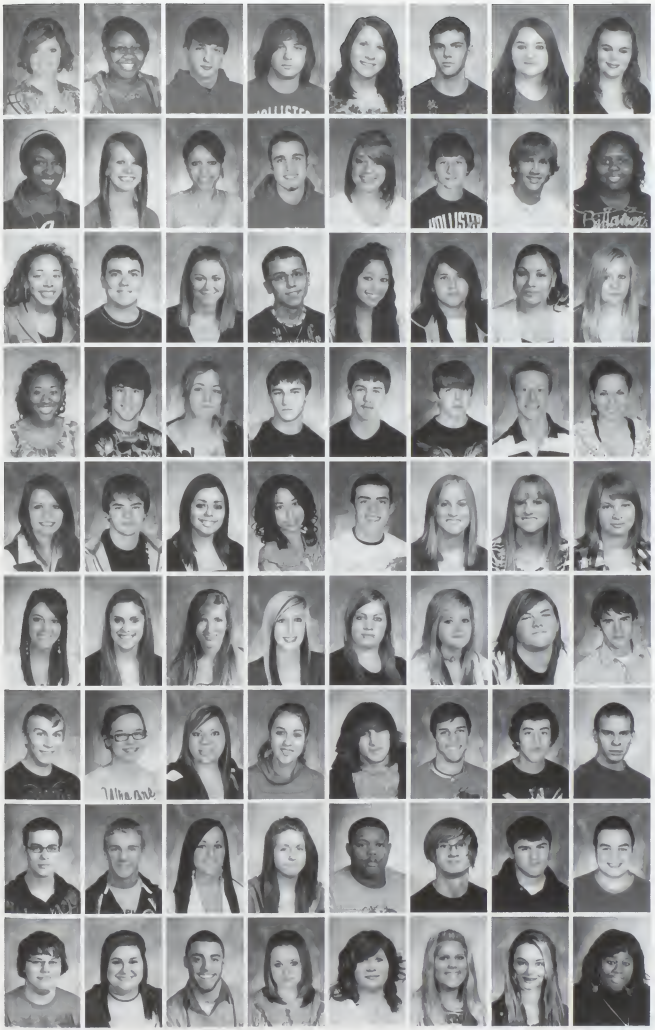

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Joshua Galvan
Alison Gannon
David Gant
Sydney Garland
Ericka Garneau

Desiree Garnett
Ashlee Gast
Lazsher George
Nathanial Gerber
Jessica Gerstner
Derek Gertzen
Kevin Gibson
Breosha Gilbert

Jacquelyn Givens
Jacob Glass
Christina Golden
Caleb Gomez
Marisa Gomez
Bianca Gonzalez
Maribel Gonzalez-Martinez
Heather Goodman

Kiara Goshay
Derrick Graves
Deide Greider
Derek Gresser
Chandler Griffin
Richard Griffin
Justin Grzelak
Alexzandra Guerra

Elizabeth Guglielmetti
Greg Gurrola
Alexis Gutierrez
Samantha Guzman
Jonathan Hall
Andrea Hallmen
Ashley Hallmen
Tia Hammerstein

Megan Hammons
Sarah Handley
Lisa Harbaugh
Brittany Harmon
Ashley Harris
Elizabeth Harris
Autumn Hebda
Alexandre Hellemans

Michael Henry
Sarah Hensley
Alicia Hernandez
Elizabeth Hicke
Sunrise Hill
Kevin Hinkle
Kevin Hock
Stephen Holland

Aron Holt
Daniel Holtzman
Kelly Holtzman
Jacquelynn Huber
Davonte Hudson
Jeramie Hughes
Nathaniel Huizar
Matthew Hunter

Jonathan Hurst
Samantha Hurst
Zachary Huston
Megan Hylton
Briana Igras
Michelle Iliff
Kylie Ingersoll
Simone Ingram

Cody Jackson
Deandre Jackson
Daniel Jarosak
Davilyn Jarvis
Steven Jeffrey
Jai Jenkins
Mary Jeppesen
Sierra Jimenez

Briana Johnson
Danielle Johnson
Shauntiara Johnson
Nathan Johnston
Alex Jones
Lawrence Jones
Ashley Jordan
Jonathan Jordan

Joseph Juhasz
Haley Kado
Kristin Kalch
Valerie Keehn
Taylor Kibble
Killian Kidd
Brandon King
Jabria King

Benjamin Kiser
Brianna Kiser
Alyssa Knaga
Kurt Knudsen
Kelly Kohler
Jeffry Kolbus
Bryce Komenda
Natalie Korpak

Jessica Kozlowski
Timothy Kranick
Nicolai Krueger
Colleen Kuczwara
Joseph Laczkowski
Jeremy Langman
Frederick Langston
Cassandra Larimore

Katrina Larson
Sabrina Lattanzi
Nicholas Latulip
Sabrina Laviena
Alan Lawson
Megan Layton
James Leary
Tyler Lello

Amanda Lenover
Andrew Lesser
Nicole Leveritt
Jack Lewis
Keith Lewis
Leland Lewis
Nicholas Lewis
Samantha Liberto

Jordan Linville
Alexandra Littke
Jordan Lively
Cody Logsdon
Anthony Lomeli
Kenneth Longfellow
Christopher Lopez
Joshua Low

William Lowe
Samantha Loza
Maranda Lundy
Danielle Lynch
Norma MaCeo
Briana Maddox
Brianne Majewski
Christina Major

Mommy Knows **Best**

Junior Celeste Robles has been in band all throughout high school, but things almost didn't turn out that way...

Why did you join band?
My mom wanted me to... then I fell in love with it.

How long have you been in band?
Three or four years.

What instrument do you play?
The wonderful trombone!

What does band mean to you?
Alot, it's my life.

Celeste Robles, 10

Stefanie Malkimos
James Mancilla
Timothy Manning
Cody Marczewski
Ashlee Markle
Alexander Marsh
Alexander Martinez
Mayra Martinez

Niko Martinez
Benjamin Mathewson
Christopher Mathis
Cory Mayberry
Aaron McCart
Kelsie McClellan
Cheyenne McCormick
Jacob McCumber

Jessica McElfresh
Erika McEwan
Kristie McFry
Steven McGucken
De McKinney
Marissa McQueen
Amber Medanich
Eric Melcic

Jonathon Mendez
Josue Mendez
Kaitlyn Mendez
Egan Mergl
Chloe Mickey-Lowe
Jeffrey Miller
Maverick Miller
Olivia Miller

Feelin' the Style

Junior Anita Mourani plans everyday outfits that are both stylish and comfortable. "If you feel good, you look good," says Mourani.

Legend: What's your favorite place to shop?
Mourani: "Forever 21"

Legend: Any item of clothing that is special or something that holds a lot of memories?

Mourani: "My favorite is a shirt that I got from Syria in my ninth grade summer while visiting family. It's yellow and it's a corset."

Legend: Is there anything you would never wear?

Mourani: "I would never wear straight up sweat pants, the ones that are tight at the bottom and nothing too tacky."

Legend: What item do you wear the most?

Mourani: "Anything flashy."

Legend: How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Mourani: "20ish pairs. My favorites are my two pairs of Coach shoes."

Legend: Do you have a price limit?

Mourani: "If it's cute, or if I know I want it I won't second-guess buying it."

Kayla Mills
Ashley Minder
Samih Mirza
Alexander Mischke
Zachary Mlynski
Jeremy Mocabee
Brittany Mock
James Mokol

Daniel Molina
Mackenzie Morales
Terry Moreau
Taylor Moreland
Benedict Moris
Grace Morris
Megan Morris
Christopher Morrison

Alanna Mossell
Roberto Mota
Tarra Motton
Anita Mourani
Jacquelyn Moyers
Melissa Murray
Gabriel Myers
Sarah Nadolski

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Mark Nevil
Casey Newcomb
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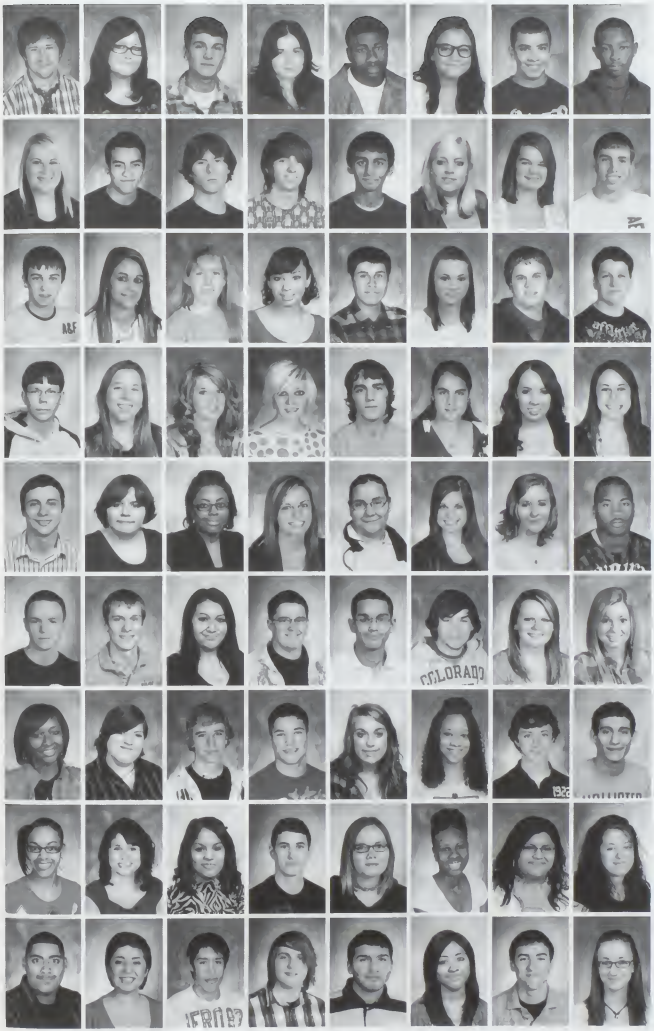

Matthew Nordyke
Stephanie O' Mahoney
Marcus O' Reilly
Karissa Olson
Darion Oren
Alexandria Ornelas
Rafael Orta-Gonzalez
Christopher Owens

Brittany Pallo
Lorenzo Parker
Jacob Parrish
Christopher Pastoriza
Parth Patel
Sara Patten
Alyssa Patterson
Tristan Pearman

Dalton Peek
Susana Pena
Natasha Pepper
Alexie Perez
Isaac Perez
Brittney Perkins
Cameron Peters
Colton Petroski

Adam Petyo
Ashley Pezan
Cara Pfeiffer
Emily Phillips
Joshua Pidgeon
Michelle Plance
Mariah Pol
Erika Pope

Ryan Pope
Wendi Pope
Jasmin Porter
Allison Poznanski
Elizabeth Prentice
Jessica Price
Megan Price
Travis Pride

Austin Punsky
Chadd Purcell
Brittany Quiroz
Nicholas Radtke
Brian Rak
Nathan Ramian
Melissa Rance
Courtney Randolph

Diamond Redding
Sarah Reid
Gerald Renzino
Dimas Reyna
Gabrielle Rhoads
Bria Ringo
Trey Rivas
Daniel Rivera

Fionne Rivera
Katalina Rivera
Cristy Rivera-Lopez
Sean Roberts
Megan Robinson
Renishia Robinson
Briana Rodriguez
Cynthia Rodriguez

Joseph Rodriguez
Kristina Rodriguez
Alejo Rodriguez-Carrizales
Jimmy Rogers
Jose Rojas
Maricruz Rojas
Jose Romo
Katherine Rose

Sharonda Ross
Damien Rossworn
Zackary Rote
Tara Rowland
Mckenzie Ruiz
Devan Rushing
Michelle Sabich
Rebekah Saikin

Rolando Salazar
David Sanchez
Clarice Sanders
Tiffany Sanders
Daniel Santana
Josue Santiago
Kelsey Santiago
Alyssa Sass

Keith Sasser
Ashley Satanek
Adriana Saucedo
Bobbi Saylor
Elizabeth Saylor
Corey Scher
Michael Schiller
Bethany Schima

Patrick Schinella
Brittany Schneider
Nicholas Scott
Brittany Selman
Michelle Shafer
Albert Shane
Paul Shane
Lee Sheehan

Brittany Shelton
Trevor Shufford
Ricardo Silva
Diontre Simpson
Jeremy Sinkus
Brandon Sirbas
Danielle Sischo
Jocelyn Sloan

Kyle Smart
Andrew Smith
Ashley Smith
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Nathaniel Smock
Richard Sneed

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Kylie Someson
Matthew Sowers
Lyssa Springman
Taylor Srednoselac
Allison Stacy
Rachel Stanley
Timothy Stanton

Melissa Steinburg
Brandon Stemple
Ashley Stepaniak
Ariel Stepanovich
Matthieu Sternberg
Samantha Stevenson
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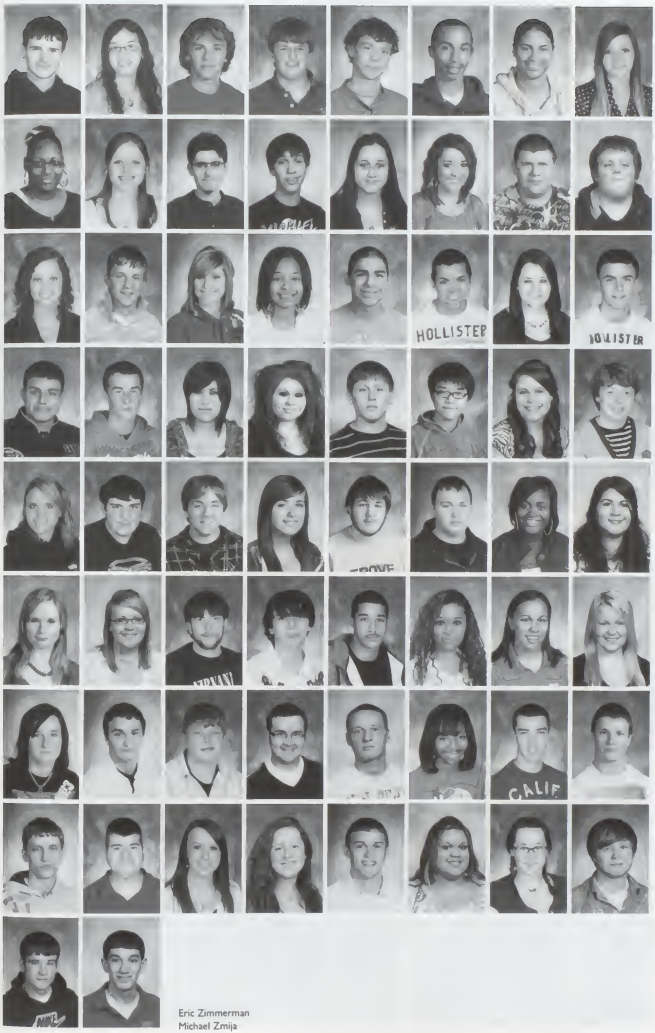

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Kyle Timmerman
Joseph Todd
Crystal Trinidad
Kayla Turner
Andrew Tuthill
Christopher Vale

Kristin Vandersteen
Todd Varaneckas
Taylor Vardaman
India Vasquez
John Vasquez
Jordan Vasquez
Victoria Vaughan
Zachary Vaughan

Daniel Vela
Aaron Vizena
Jidapa Vongnisakorn
Andrea Waddell
Brian Walker
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Brittany Watts
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Hayley Weathers
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John Weger
Brandon Welp
Brionna West
Christina West

Meagan West
Brandi Whitaker
Clinton Wight
Justin Wilkerson
James Wilkins
Alana Williams
Dawn Williams
Kelly Williams

Robyn Williamson
Daniel Wilson
Jacob Wirick
William Wirth
Aaron Woods
Jawanza Woods
Nichalus Worman
Joshua Wright

Joshua Yakel
David Ybarra
Kylee Yeomans
Sarah Yingst
Adam York
Mercedes Zambrana
Amanda Zick
Tyler Zilz

Eric Zimmerman
Michael Zmija

UNDEFEATED

One of the things that teens look forward to most about high school is hanging out with their friends and having fun. Patrick Schaefer, however, is out winning awards for citizenship, being the best spot news writer for Pow Wow, and being the youngest newspaper editor. He is also involved in other school activities. Schaefer finds time for all that and still manages to spend time with his friends.

"I am in cross country, Pow Wow, book club, and Science Olympiad. I joined these clubs because I wanted to look back on my high school years and feel I accomplished a lot of things in high school and did not just waste four years of my life," Schaefer said.

Schaefer wanted to do these things because he wanted to get involved and try something new. In order for someone to excel and really get involved, they have to have fun and have other people in the class that they get along with. That is one reason why he did so well, won awards and has hopes for continuing with his efforts.

"When I won the award for being best spot news writer, I thought it was really cool. I felt good about it and was also glad that I represented my school in a positive way. I have fun doing these activities, especially with Jack Collier and Cristina Kladis in Pow Wow, and Katie Engel in Science Olympiads. They make it even better for me to be in there. I will definitely continue being involved in school activities. I want to get under eighteen in cross country and hopefully be editor in chief for the newspaper here. Accomplishing these things would be the only thing that would make high school better for me now," Patrick said.

High school helps people make decisions for their future so they can be successful. In order to be truly successful though, you have to be happy with the decisions you made. Schaefer will be able to look back on his high school years with no regrets and good memories.

Story by Kayla Mills

Gabriel Acevedo
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Lindsey Adams
Suraiya Al-Najjar
Tyler Albee
Michael Allbritten
Deborah Allcock
Ashlee Allen

Kayla Allen
Lauryn Alyea
Arthur Anguiano
Steven Appleton
Alexander Armstrong
Mariah Armstrong
Jacob Arnn
Garette Austin

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Peter Banczak
Devonte Banks
Jessica Barrett

Lydia Bass
Dominique Batista
Megan Bauswell
Tayler Bayer
Breana Beal
Alexis Becerra
Stephanie Benjamin
Trisha Bennett

Patrick Schaefer won first place in Indiana High School Press Association news writing contest. Patrick is the youngest editor on the Pow Wow staff. *Photo by Ben Matthewson*

Patrick Schaefer is designing a page for the school's newspaper the Pow Wow. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

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Alvin Best
Holley Bingham
Jonah Bishop
Danielle Black
Nakiel Blackwell
Robert Blackwell
Haley Blakely

Anna Blaszak
Raven Blevins
Joel Bogdan
Kitt Boles
Amber Bolin
Chance Boney
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Aza Braner
Cor Braner
James Brasseur
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Karl Culp
Arielle Cummings
Kathryn Cunningham
Stephanie Cunningham
Tyler Currin
Dennis Daily
David Davaney
Amber Davis

Meranda Davis
Preston Dean
Kayla Dearing
Trey Dejohn
Erik Del Valle
Kimberly Delacruz
Vanessa Deleon
Kirsten Demass

Going the EXTRA Curriclar Mile

"[I'm in] drama club, marching band, and kept up with church. I keep mostly A's in my classes. I listen to music, read and hang out with my friends. I joined M.B. This year I worked back stage. CTC, bunch of friends, I enjoy it all."

Jaid Winland, 10

"[I'm in] environmental, Spanish and German Club. I do swimming. I am in band and play the tuba. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games and reading. I also had a summer camp at LCRA. "

Cody Grzelak, 10

Jessica Derose
Monica Diaz
Ruby Diaz
Sergio Diaz
Charity Dill
Devan Doherty
Emily Dominguez
Hannah Dorman

Giovanna Doss
Morgan Dougherty
Patrick Doyle
Nichole Drara
Thomas Duff
Melissa Duvall
Michael Dwyer
Nico Eason

Randall Eaton
Austin Edwards
Rikki Eftenoff
Kyle Ehlers
Brian Elkins
Bryanna Emerson
Katherine Engel
Wesley Engel

Michael Escoe
Christina Esquivel
Matthew Evans
Angela Ewing
Chelsea Exl
Keeley Ferguson
Zachary Fingar
Logan Fischer

Savanah Fischer
Shelby Fischer
Patric Fleeger
Robert Fleeger
Tracey Flores
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Jake Fortenberry
Robin Fraley

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Anthony Freeman
Othie Freeny
Mary Fulkerson
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Cody Gabriel
Erica Gaffney
Beatriz Galvan

Eric Gamblin
Alexis Garcia
Christian Garcia
Pablo Garcia
Brandon Gardenhire
Jeremy Gardner
Katie Garrison
Alisha Garza

Carlos Garza
Joshua Garza
Sarah Gaskin
Steven Gayton
Kaitlin Geary
Samantha Geiselman
Jada Gilliam
Lydia Gilliam

Can French really help you get "les dames"?

"I took french because I consider it a sexy language. Indeed, it is a sexy language and I thought it would help me get ladies. It has in fact helped me get the ladies. Everyone should take French."

Marko Pekovic, 10

What assignment was . . .

"Something interesting we did was the Roaring '20's project [in English 10 Pre-AP Honors]. Research the 1920's and tell why it was roaring. We were about about to read 'The Great Catsby,' which is about Americans living laveishly in the time of 'The Great Depression.' We presented the project, we stood in front of the class."

Jessica DeRose, 10

UNforgettable?

Nicole Gland
Sydney Goetschel
Jonathan Goetz
Christopher Gonzales
David Gonzalez
Paul Gonzalez
Allison Graveline
Valerie Gregorash

Steven Griffith
Jeffery Griggs
Jacob Grimsley
Cody Grzelak
Sierra Guajardo
Kenneth Guerra
Blake Gulledge
Logan Gunnum

Savannah Gurley
Anyssa Gutierrez
Shawn Haack
Lauren Haddox
Garrett Hale
Marie Hallman
Kimberlin Hare
Abigail Hargarten

Heather Hastings
Demario Hathorne
Sidney Hawkins
Dana Haywood
David Heck
Christopher Helminiak
Timothy Herrman
Dominique Herron

Classes that are. . .

Is history your favorite class? Why or why not?

"Yes, because with all of the teachers I have had, they have made teaching fun. Different units did unique things. For example, unit one being skits, another being storytime."

Sidney Hawkins, 10,
World History Pre-AP Honors

UNique!

Jacob Hill
Matthew Hill
Reno Hilton
Zachary Hinds
Cody Hixon
Denver Hollifield
Michael Holt
Brittney Hopper

Sabrina Hopper
Amber Huckaby
Zachary Huisinga
Ashley Huth
Christian Ireland
Amber Jackson
Morgan Jackson
Terrel Jackson

Brett Jacobs
Kelli Jacobs
Oscar Jacobs
Alexandra Janiga
Richard Jeffrey
Devon Jeffries
David Jercha
Timothy Jetmund

Alexis Johnson
Ali Johnson
Amber Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Hunter Johnson
Jaylyn Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Joseph Johnson

Justin Johnson
Daryl Jones
Tegan Jones
Nikola Kajmakoski
Craig Kallas
Cyle Keesee
Megan Kelleman
Andrew Kemper

Kelcey Kerr
Brett Kilgore
Michael Killmer
Nicholas Kincaid
Sierra King
Brittany Kirk
Zachary Kizer
Kristofer Knies

Precious Knight
Richard Knoble
Keri Kochvar
Nicholas Komoscar
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Travis Marsh
Randi Marshall
Luis Martinez
Timothy Martinez
Valeria Martinez
Courtney Mason

way to STAND OUT

Christian Colon!

What is your favorite place to shop?

"The Buckle at the mall, they have very unique clothing."

What is your price limit?

"Somewhere between $20 and $80."

Item worn the most?

"In general, I have a lot of Aeropostle."

Is there anything you would never wear?

"Tie dye, I hate it!"

Jennifer May
Robert May
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Cristah McCready
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Chelsey McInerney

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Griffin Medved

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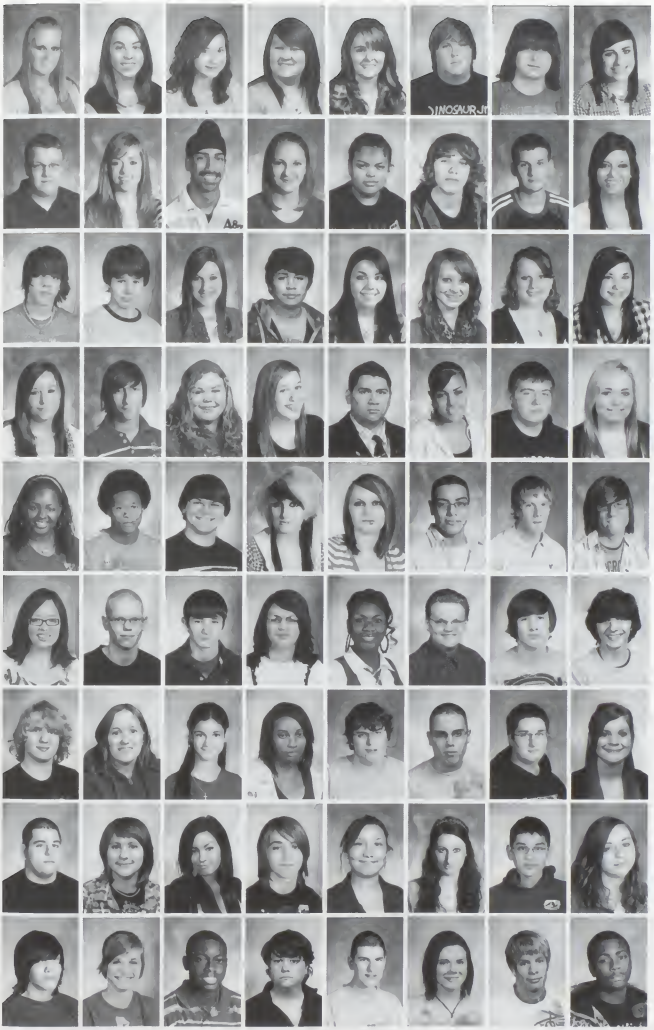

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Dominique Ponce Deleon
Matthew Poracky
Amber Potts
Alexandra Pratl
Steven Rak
Alainna Ream

Matthew Rebich-Graham
Alexis Reddington
Daniel Reese
Myles Reid
Joshua Rex
Marisa Ribar
Lake Rice
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Kayla Robinson
Michael Robinson
Celeste Robles

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Marisa Rodriguez
Megan Rodriguez
Mitchell Rodriguez
Sabrina Rodriguez

Jasmine Roman
Jason Roman
Jacob Ruebensam
Alexandra Ruffle
Anthony Ruiz
Nicole Ruiz
Katie Rushing
Ryan Russell

Jared Saffrahn
Joshua Salgado
Kaitlin Salinas
Louis Samaniego
Alexander Sanchez
Angel Sanchez
Robert Sanchez
Jessica Sanders

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Ashley Sass
Jessica Satriano
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Kristopher Springman

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Joshua Stallworth
David Stanford
Aimee Stanley
Zachary Statler
Nicolette Stavrakis
Felicia Stilp
Jennifer Stone

PHS is alive with the sound of Music

"Choir is something I enjoy doing. I joined choir in the fourth grade. I sing as an alto and a soprano. I've been in solo and ensemble since seventh grade. There's so many positive memories from choir, I can't remember them all!"

Candi Mulzon, 10

"I thought it would be fun to join. I've been in choir since the fourth grade. I sing alto. I was in solo and ensemble and received a gold this year. Warm-ups with Mr. Riegle are my favorite part."

Heather Hastings, 10

Ryan Stovall
Brent Stringer
Andrea Stronczek
Joshua Sullivan
Anthony Sweeney
Tyler Swets
Jillian Talley
Jesse Tanner

Tabatha Tanses
Nicole Tarnow
Jessica Taylor
Marissa Taylor
Scott Terpstra
Jessa Thomason
Alexandra Thompson
Riley Thompson

Zachary Thorn
Simona Tomeska
Abagail Trader
Andrea Trimble
Nelson Trinidad
Dominique Turney
Donald Twilla
Jordan Tzavaras

Matthew Urbanczyk
Brittany Vardaman
Thomas Vardaman
Miquel Vargas
Jessica Vasquez
Brianna Velez
Kurtis Vild
Joseph Villegas

Lookin' SHARP Simona!

Sophomore Simona Tomeska tells us why she is the best-dressed sophomore at PHS

What is your favorite place to shop?
Charlotte Rousse and Forever 21, because they have some of the craziest outfits there but they are still in style.
What is your price limit?
I like sales a lot. I try not to spend too much, but I do look for the best deals so I can get more with my money.
Item worn the most?
Boots! They go with a lot of things.
Is there anything you would never wear?
I would never a long skirt. I am too short and a long skirtwould make me look even shorter.

Tony Vitaniemi
Nicole Vuko
Kendra Wagner
Courtney Walker
Payton Watson
Austin Wattles
Renee Weber
Joseph White

Leonard White
Joshua Whitman
Paige Whitney
Heather Wighaman
Anthony Wight
Zachary Wilczynski
William Wilkinson
Dannette Williams

Davonte Williams
Payton Williams
Michael Wilson
Jad Winland
Brittany Winter
Naomi Witten
Zachary Wittorp
Crystal Woloszyn

Tristin Woods
Katelyn Wright
Samuel Wright
Andrew Zilz
Max Zmija
Jose Zuniga
Krysta Zygowicz

team BUILDING

Sometimes, learning takes place outside of the classroom, as student from Mr. Larry Tharp's class demonstrate. The class took a day to discover how to work and learn together as a team.

Photos by Melissa Deavers

UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY

Every year the senior class leaves and the freshman class is added into the mix. Starting high school means that you are growing up. For some students, that is scary, others may not care one way or the other.

"The high school is a lot bigger than middle school. The freshmen even have their own building. The students here are more mature and it makes you want to grow up a little bit more just so you can fit in. Teachers are nicer here than in middle school, because the students are more grown up, but growing up means that the rules get stricter as well," freshman Jake White said.

While some people notice the size of the population, some notice the size of the school that is holding close to 2,700 students.

"One of the first things that freshmen notice is how big the school really is. The classes are bigger as well, but the teachers still manage to get around to you," freshman Hollein Faulkner said.

One of the things that makes high school stand out from middle school is that there is a school newspaper. High school helps people figure out just exactly what they want to do.

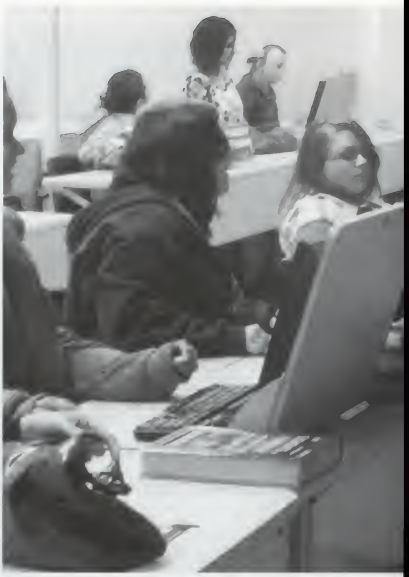
"High school is a lot different than middle school. For one of my electives, I chose to do the Pow Wow on the radio. Being able to chose some of the classes I take makes me want to learn and be more involved," freshman Collin Czilli said.

Language classes are also available for students to take, along with cooking and sport classes.

"The classes here are cool. There is a newspaper here that is made up by the students. Foreign language classes can also be taken and there are many choices. The clubs are more involved as well and everybody comes from a different background. There are even basketball classes you could take. High school is completely different than middle school and takes some getting use to, but ends up being pretty cool," freshman Rachel Gonzalez said.

High school can be bad if you get into trouble, but in a way high school gives teens freedom and aids them along their way to becoming adults by making choices.

Story by Kayla Mills



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Joshua Awe
Michael Azcona
Gabriela Balcazar
Taylor Baldwin
Frank Barbosa
Mackenzie Barcelli

Freshmen students work on assingments on their computers in English teacher Amanda Childers-Martin's freshmen English class. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Social studies teacher Rebecca Nye teachers her students how to dance from different decades in America. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*

Johndar Barnes
Jaime Barragan
Emily Barrett
Sarah Batey
Jazz Bauske
Travis Beal
Alexandria Beatty
Alexander Becker

Kenneth Beckham
Joshua Bedoy
Brandon Bell
Vanessa Benak
Crystal Bennett
Tyler Berns
Abby Berquist
Nakayla Best

Jordin Billings
Tyler Blair
Jeron Blake
Ryan Blakely
Timothy Blakely
Kile Bodo
Megan Bodo
Ryan Boehm

Alyssa Bogolin
Randall Bolde
Matthew Bolin
Jacob Bomba
Christopher Bowen
Kayla Bowman
Shakiea Boyd
Angelica Bradford

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Emily Brinkley
Andrea Briones
Shayne Brown
James Bryant
Micheal Brydges
Angela Buchanan
Joanne Buford

Alexander Buitron
Anthony Buitron
Anthony Bumbales
Esther Burgos
Scott Burian
David Burr
Mariah Butler
Jacob Butvin

Catherine Bylak
Paul Bylen
Breanna Caldwell
Dakota Callender
Heatherrose Calmbacher
Destinie Calo
Gabriella Camacho
Tabitha Camp

Brandon Campbell
Kelsey Canterbury
Ariel Caraballo
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Souad Carney-Davis
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Carlos Cartagena
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Angelica Chacon
Christine Chapa
Monica Chavez
Rafael Chavez
Vivian Chavez
Marcella Cherry
Austin Church

Kassandra Cisarik
Jose Claudio
Alexis Cleveland
Evan Clifford
Kimberly Coffey
Logan Cole
Brandon Collins
Devyn Cooper

Steven Cooper
Jesse Copper
Danielle Coppinger
Veronica Coppinger
Lorenzo Corralez
Collin Crawford
Ty Crawford
Crysta Crews

Brandi Criswell
Emmanuel Cuadrado
Ricki Cuevas
Lyndsey Cunningham
Whitney Currin
Collin Czilli
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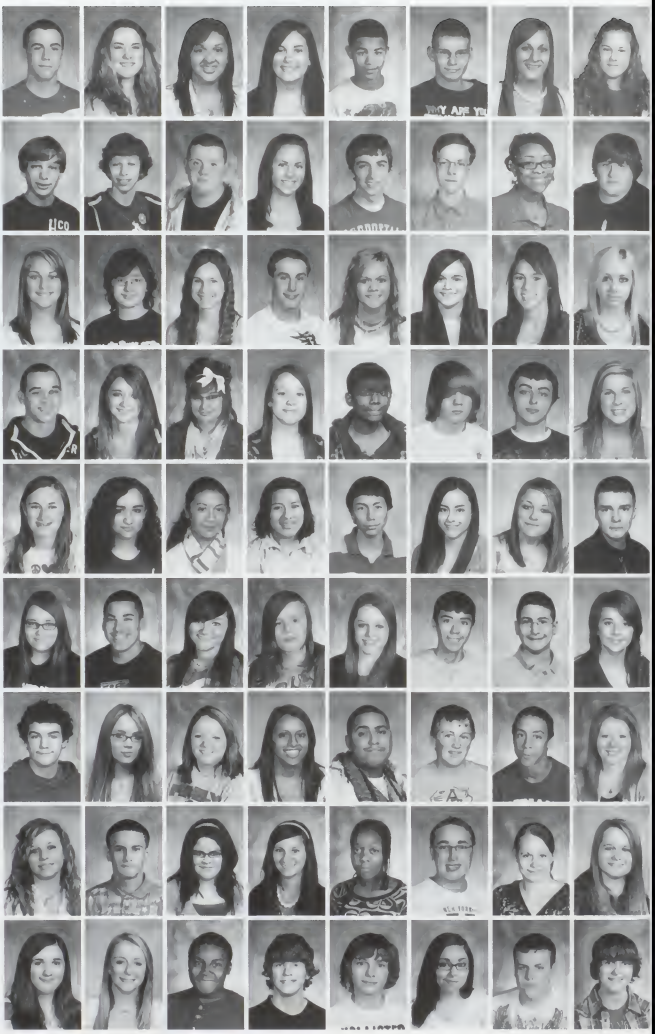

Mr. Bachan assists students Anthony Byram and Cynthia Rodriguez in their business class. *Photo by Kayla Mills*

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Gerardo Diaz
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Lydia Dreckman
Katarina Drummond

Kasean Earley
Morgan Eastridge
Kevin Elkins
Brandon Elzinga
Jacob Erdelac
Autumn Escoe
Jorge Espino
Roberto Espinosa

Morgan Ester
Emily Evans
Kaylee Everhart
Samantha Fadely
Monica Farris
Holliann Faulkner
Brian Fausto
Nathan Feeler

Kyle Feeney
Savannah Feeney
Taylor Felinski
Seth Felling
Hannah Fengya
Brian Field
Brandon Fields
Brenda Figueroa

Freshmen Emily Evans and Cody Spoolstra attempt to get the fellow members of their class to cheer as loud as they can in order to win the coveted Spirit Stick.
Photo by Rachel Jordan

Heather Figueroa
Jason Fine
Rachael Fingar
Desirae Fink
Gabriella Fink
Thomas Flanagan
Zakrey Fleming
Breanna Flores

Brittany Flores
Salvador Flores
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Olivia Forrester
Eric Frazier
Brandon Frost
Katrina Fuller
Carly Gajdos

Alexander Galbreath
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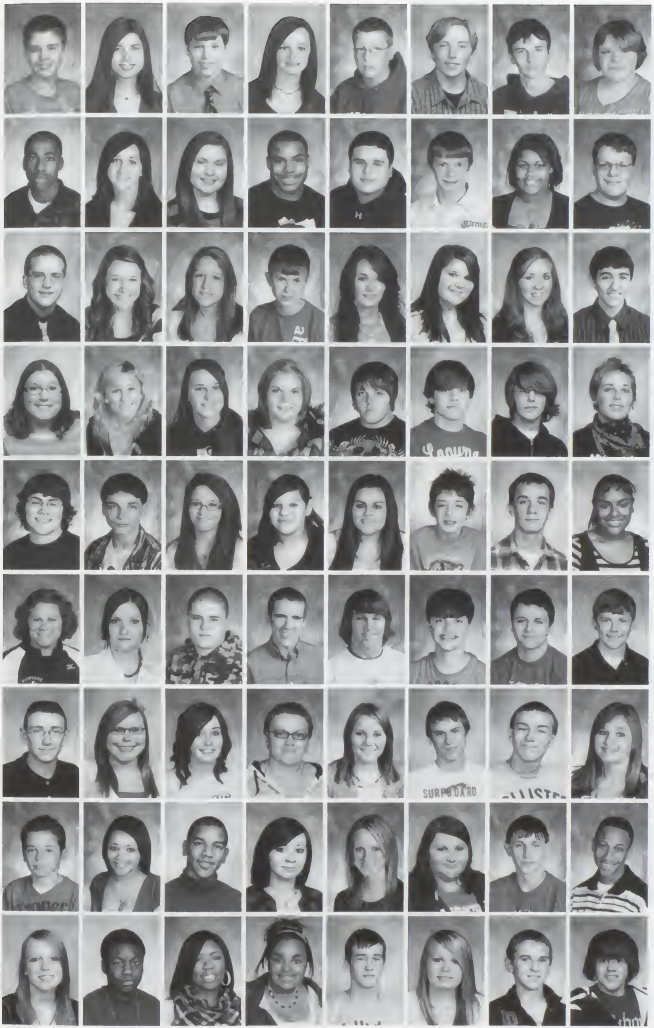

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Shawn Gunnum
Jose Gutierrez
Austin Hakes
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Emily Hansen
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Tia Hardison
Meagan Harriman
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Jordan Hoffman
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Nathan Householder
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Jonathan Hudson
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Cory Jacobs
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Kaylee Jank

Christopher Jeffords
Natalia Jeffrey
Nathaniel Jimenez
Sierra Jimenez
Brittany Johnson
Teara Johnson
Bryce Jones
Exvonte Jones

Jayme Jones
Jerron Jones
Jessica Jones
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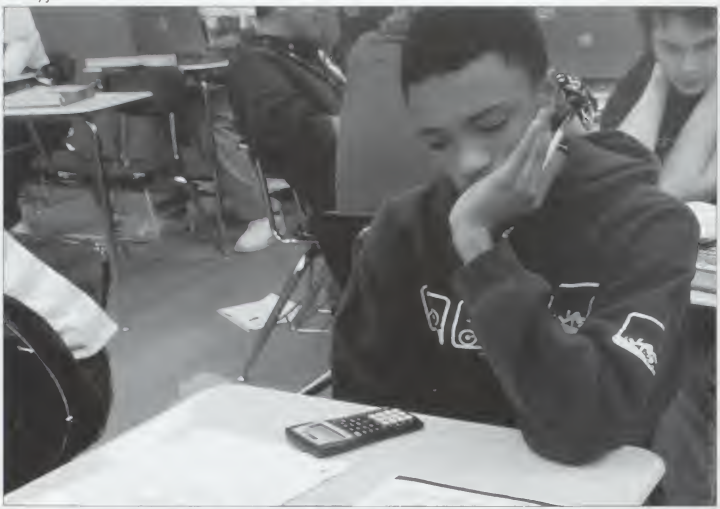
A student in his Algebra I class waits for the other students in his class to finish an assignment. *Photo by Brittany Johnson*



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China Lee
Michelle Lewis

Kaley Liang
Tricia Linderman
Dylan Logsdon
Tyler Loney
Nathan Longstreet
Emilio Lopez
Regina Lopez
Erica Luna

Who is your biggest INSPIRATION?

"My mom. She inspires me the most because she is the strongest person I know. She had a rough life growing up, and now she's very successful."

Mackenzie Barcelli, 9

"My brother, Scott, inspires me. He talks to me about things that happened in the past, hoping that I can have a better future than he did."

Brandon Campbell, 9

"My grandpa. He is a World War II veteran. He is a great guy all-around. I don't get to see him very much, but when I do I like to spend as much time as I can with him."

Eric Anderson, 9

Mark Maddack
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Crystal Magallanes
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Zachary Manning
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Matthew Martin
Ana Martinez

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Jared Mecyssine
Damon Meeks
Shelby Meints
Jeremy Mendoza
Yesenia Mendoza
Judah Mergl

Freedom *through* Fashion

"I love being in fashion class because we get the freedom to express how we feel through clothing design."

Jennifer Fultz,12

"I like being in F.A.C.S. class because I can express my creativity."

Claire Sanders, 11

Eric Mesarch
Alec Meyer
Crystal Milam
Lauren Miles
Aleena Mileski
Christina Miller
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Kenneth Miller

Michaela Miller
Alejandro Miranda
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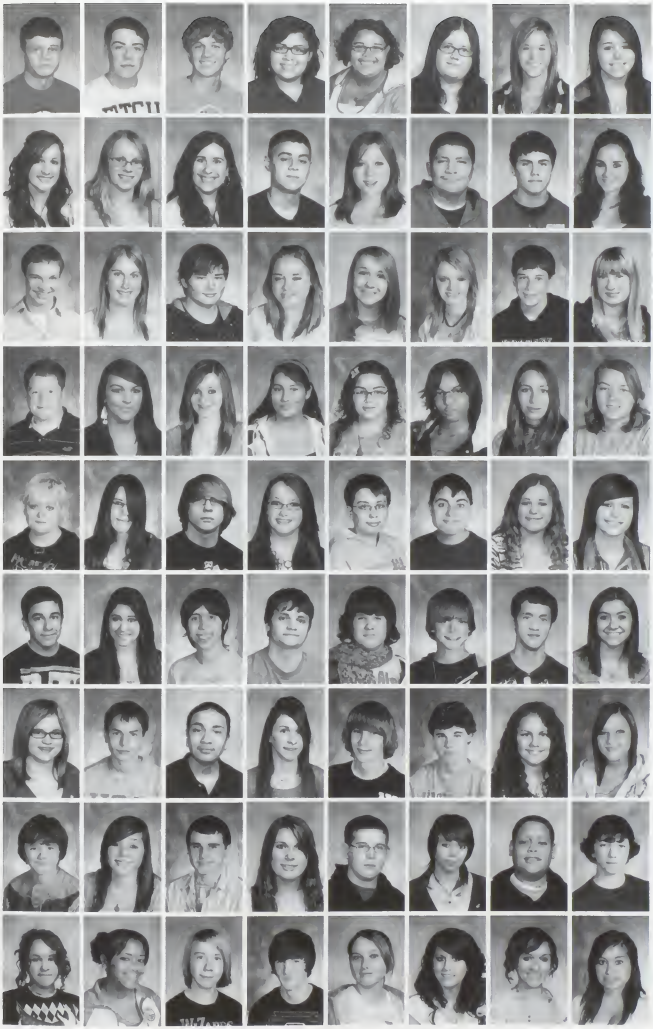

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Cody Piro
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Parkpoom Pronpudpong
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Jacob Quiroz
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Michaela Redlark

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Macahlia Reyes
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Thomas Richter
Jessica Rico
Andre Ringo
Riley Rivas

Nashelly Rivera
Zuannette Rivera Lopez
Caleb Rix
Daniel Roach
Maileah Robinson
Cassandra Rocha
Alexandra Rodriguez
Cinthia Rodriguez

Freshman Emily Evans yawns before making an announcement at the Insomnia for Haiti event in the fieldhouse. Evans, who was in charge of the event, raised over $3,000 for the cause. *Photo by Gigi Chavez*

Cristian Rodriguez
Deon Rogers
Marcus Rogers
Xavier Rogers
Tabatha Romo
Alyssa Ronco
Alex Rosales
Mitchell Rospierski

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William Rospierski
Corey Ross
Jessica Roth
Dominic Ruelas
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Robert Rys
Arissa Salas

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Lauryn Sanders
Norman Sanders
Samantha Satriano
Nicko Savicz

Jessica Schlimgen
Alexander Schreier
Kaci Schryner
Glenn Schultz
Taylor Searcy
Kloessa Servey
Gage Shane
Lorraine Sheets

What are your GOALS for the future?

"After high school I want to go to med school to be a doctor. Hopefully one day there will be a cure for certain diseases and I will be involved in having found that cure. I also want to get involved."

Jasmine Marquez, 9

"I want to go to college to become an occupational therapis. I feel better when I know I can help people and make them happy."

Skylar Simko, 9

Ashley Shine-Tinsley
Alexandria Silva
Skylar Simko
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James Spence
Jason Spence
Cody Spoolstra
Phillip Stabolito
Caitlin Stanley
Shelby Stanley
Zale Stasak

Freshman class president Cody Spoolstra holds up a sign that he will later use to motivate his class during the pep rally. The freshman class came in last place in the fight for the Spirit Stick. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

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Ashley Yester
Sydney Yingst
Lauren Zack
Sierra Zagorac
Elijah Zak
Ashley Zarych

Hilary Zemlik
Heather Zengler
Rebecca Zolkowski

Teacher has high expectations

The transportation processes class decided to take the meaning of the phrase "hands on" to a whole new level.

Technical education teacher John Kappes took his students on a field trip to the Porter County Airport in Valparaiso to learn about flying airplanes.

"The majority of the field trip was first to experience an airplane, let alone actually getting to fly it firsthand. They experienced what a pilot goes through and do it all. A complete a-2 flight experience for these kids," Kappes said.

This is the seventh trip Portage High School students have made to fly planes. It's safe and has proven to be a very rewarding and memorable life experience for out past students. The current design of the trip is for three students and a flight instructor to take a flight in a Cessna Skyhawk from the Valparaiso airport.

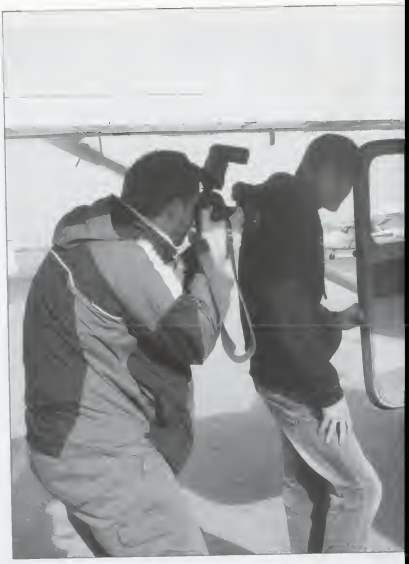
"We got to see the reaction of the pilots, and the kids did great," Kappes stated.

The students were able to fly to Knox, then Michigan City and finally back to Valparaiso, touching down at each airport to switch seats. Each student will spend one leg of the trip in co-pilot seat taking instructions and actually piloting the plane with assistance.

This field trip cost $55 per student, which covers the instructor's fees, plane rental, and fuel to fly. It is safe and has proven to be a very rewarding and memorable life experience for past students.

Students from the past are now pilots at Porter County Airport! Taking this experience can change kids and their career direction.

Story by Dana Haywood



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Junior Bryce Komenda and sophomores Travis Conrad and Richard Jeffrey pose for a picture in front of an airplane at the Porter County Airport in Valparaiso. *Photo provided by John Kappes*

Junior Macalester Conners gets ready to take off in an airplane at the Porter County Airport as a photographer from the Post-Tribune take photographs of him for an article that ran the following day. *Photo provided by John Kappes*

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catching the pass • scoring your first touchdown ever • winning state three times in a row • signing with the perfect college to play for them after high school • breaking a school record • competing at your first meet • being a three-sport athlete all through high school • coming back from an injury • knowing exactly what makes you

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Freshman Alyssa Tampier rushes to the basket to score a layup as a player from the opposing team falls while attempting to block her shot. Tampier plays as a guard on the freshman team. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Senior Jaime Haro, 94, and junior Tristen Pearman, 40, tackle Crown Point players to the groud during the game on Sept. 18. Portage won the game 43 to 22. *Photo By Rochel Jordon*

Senior Terry Townsend, 31, blocks a St. Rita player for senior wide reciever Drew Keil, 14. Kiel has been on the football team for four consecutive years. He also plays a defensive back position. *Photo By Rochel Jordon*

Junior Zack Houston, 1, looks to get around defensive players from St. Rita. This is Houston's first year as quarter back. He plans to play the quarter back during his senior year. *Photo By Rochel Jordon*

Hey, Captain! What makes your team. . .

"At first we started off rough, but in the end we all came together."

John Lehmann, 12

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FOOTBALL

Running, Kicking, Passing, Winning...

"We had a great team, everyone came together this year and made it a memorable season." junior Kevin Hinkle said.

The overall record was 6 wins and 6 losses with a DAC record of 3 wins and 4 losses. "At first we started off rough but in the end we came together." Mr. football, Jonathan Lehmann said. The team made it to sectionals losing to Merrillville 9 to 3 but really came together and played hard as a team. "Everyone got along great; if I could I would marry football. It's the love of my life. It can't cheat on me and I can't cheat on it; what more could I ask for?" Junior Jacob Dixon said.

"Football was my greatest high school experience, I'll miss it all." senior Drew Keil said

The PHS football players were dedicated.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

FAST STATS

Mishawaka Marion - *W*	Michigan City - *W*
St. Rita - *L*	Valparaiso - *L*
Lake Central - *W*	LaPorte - *L*
Merrillville - *L*	Sectional (E.C.) - *W*
Crown Point - *W*	Sectional (CHS) - *W*
Chesterton - *L*	Sectional (MHS) - *L*

BOYS SOCCER

Kicking it up a notch

The boys soccer superstitions took them far this year. They went as far as Semi-State. They played against Penn Highschool and were tied 2 to 2 during regulation time. They went to a nerve wrecking penalty kick, taking the lead and winning 4 to 3. In the end, though they were defeated by Lake Central with a score of 1 to 0.

They boys had an overall record of 15 wins and 7 losses and a DAC record of 4 wins and 3 losses.

"Our team did awesome this year. I'm proud of all the guys for accomplishing what we did. It was an awesome way to end my soccer career. " said Aaron King, senior.

"It was a fun season. We had a very good post season run and hopefully we can go down to Indy next year." junior Dean Anderson said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

I don't believe you, that's. . .

UNreal!

You always hear about Sport Superstions, So lets hear about Soccer Superstions...

1. "Before games I always have my ipod in and listen to it."
Logan Cole, freshmen

2. Before the games, we all eat subway. It's what we always do."
Brendon Swindle, junior

3. "Christian Cherry and I always do a special handshake before our games."
Aaron King, senior

Senior Aaron King,4, attempts to keep the ball away from the goalkeeper during the Sept. 2 game against Lake Central. King plays defense on the varsity team. The game ended with PHS winning one to zero. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Senior Alex Linville, 10, recieves a pass from fellow teammate sophomore Donovan Cole, 13. Linville has played on the varisty team four consecutive years. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Seniors Brandon Carter and Arzell Hathorne, alongside junior Brendon Swindle, warm up by doing exercises across the field before the game against Lake Central. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

FAST STATS

Munster - *L*
SB St. Joe - *W*
SB Adams - *W*
Crown Point - *W*
Andrean - *L*
Lake Central - *L*
Michigan City - *W*
Hobart - *W*
LaPorte - *W*
Griffith - *L*
Marquette - *W*
Chesterton - *L*
Highland - *W*
Valparaiso - *L*
Culver - *W*
LaPorte (sect.) - *W*
Michigan City (sect.) - *W*
Chesterton (reg.) - *W*
Culver (reg.) - *W*
Penn (semi.) - *W*
Lake Central (semi.) - *L*

Kristen Ashby, 6, and Vasrsity Coach Amanda Isakson show good sportsmanship on the field. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

Ask anyone, we're **UNstoppable!**

"It doesn't matter what happens in pre-season, only matters in post season."

Carly Bermes, 11

"We had a lot of ups and downs, but it all came together in the end."

Holly Tharp, 12 grade

"It was a long haul, but in the end came together."

Tara Ellis, 12

"We dealt with a lot of diversity during this soccer season, but in the long run we won sectionals."

Amanda Isaakson, Head Coach

Scoring a Good Season

" We dealt with a lot of diversity during this soccer season, but in the long run we won sectionals. " said coachAmanda Isaakson

The girls varsity team defeated Marquette 12 to 0, Michigan City 5 to 2, and Chesterton 2 to 1 making them sectional champions. They lost in Regionals to Kankakee Valley, losing in overtime 1 to 0. They played a very good game and came together as a team. This year's overall record was 9 wins, 7 losses, and 3 ties with a DAC record being 3 wins and 3 losses.

"We did very well this season, Coach I pushed us as far as we could go. That is what took us so far." said junior, Kristen Ashby

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Number 12, Ashley Hallman, junior dribbling the ball down the field while blazing through opposing teams offense. *Photo by Shorom Gil*

Katie Bylak, 13, who plays for both the varsity and junior varsity teams, kicks the soccer ball to start off a game, which ended in a win for the Indians. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

FAST STATS

Crown Point - *L*	Valparaiso - *L*
Lake Central - *L*	SB St. Joe - *L*
North Central - *T*	Hobart - *W*
FW Canterbury - *L*	Merrillville - *W*
Michigan City - *W*	Marquette (Sect.) - *W*
Andrean - *W*	Chesterton (Sect.) - *W*
LaPorte - *W*	Michigan City (Sect.) - *W*
Highland - *T*	Kankakee Valley (Reg.) - *L*
Chesterton - *W*	
Mishawaka Marion - *L*	

Sophomore Tyler Swets got injured and was getting helped out by his team mates. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Freshman Dylan Logsdon practices before his meet by doing sprints. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Senior Luke Morris runs in a meet during the meet against Merrillville High School. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Hey, Captain! What makes your team. . .

"Every year we keep making improvements as a team. I'm looking forward to next year."

Ross Falk, 11

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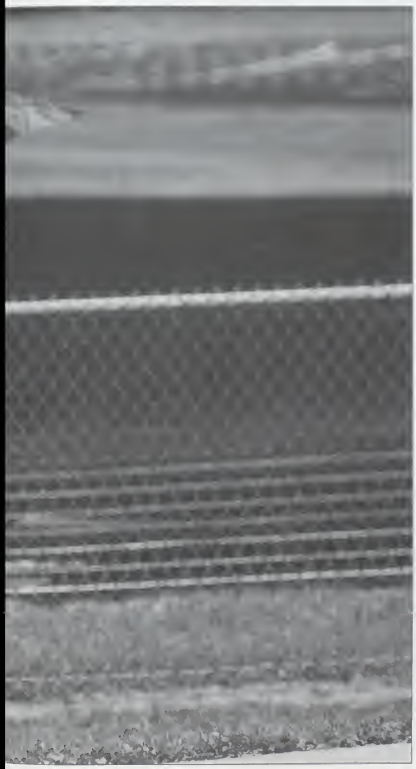

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

One foot in front of the other...

The boys record this year was 17 wins with 21 losses and a DAC record of two wins and five losses.

The boys went to sectionals and placed fifth. Once at regionals they placed sixth overall.

"My opinion on this years season was that it was better than last years and besides us, the girls that run cross country are beasts," junior Carlos Aragon.

The boys keep improving every year, the struggles really have made them a stronger team.

"I think we did okay this year, but we can still do better!" sophomore Luke Peksenak said.

Story By Kelly Holtzman

FAST STATS

Gavit Invite - *5th*
Merrillville - *W*
Harrison Invite - *18th*
Crown Point - *L*
LaPorte - *L*
Mich. City Invite - *3rd*
Michigan City - *W*
Chesterton - *L*
Valparaiso - *L*
Lake Central - *L*
Culver Invite - *15th*
DAC Meet - *6th*
Sectionals - *5th*
Sectionals - *6th*

Cross country members run around the corner of a building during one of their meets this year. *Photo provided by the girls cross country team*

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"I'm happy with what we accomplished, this is the hardest sport i've ever done."

Megan Ambler, 9

"We did good this year and I think we're going to have a strong upcoming season."

Sierra King, 10

"I really enjoyed this years season, and can't wait for next year!"

Christina Delturco, 11

"We had a good season, we're looking forward to new freshmen and making it up to state next year."

Rachel Foreman, 11

THE FASTER YOU RUN, THE FASTER YOU'RE DONE

The girls this year did very well. Their record proves it being 33-4. their DAC record was 5 wins and 2 losses. The girls really pulled together and became a team.

The girls went to Sectionals and placed first, but they weren't ready to stop there. They placed second at Regionals and third at Semi-State.

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrafice a gift." Terra Norman said.

Terra was inspired by a runner, Steve Prefontaine who had said that.

They did give their best and they made it to State, In the end, they placed seventeenth.

The girls are really excited about next year and are ready to accomplish even more.

"Cross Country is a really fun sport, it's hard though." Jennifer Stone said.

The hard work payed off though, congrats girls.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Members of the girls cross country team hold up their ribbons and a trophy from a meet this year. *Photo provided by the girls cross country team*

The girls varsity cross country team gets together to celebrate their awards. *Photo provided by the girls cross country team*

FAST STATS

Gavit Invitational - *1st*
Merrillville - *W*
Harrison - *5th*
LaPorte - *W*
Crown Point - *L*
Lowell JV Invite - *5th*
Chesterton - *W*
Michigan City - *W*
New Prairie Invite - *4th*
Valparaiso - *L*
Lake Central - *W*
Culver Invite - *11th*
DAC Meet - *3rd*
Sunset Hill (sect.) - *1st*
New Prairie (reg.) - *2nd*
New Prairie (semi) - *3rd*
Terre Haute (state) - *17th*

A Fresh Start

The boys tennis team's overall record was 11 wins and seven losses with a DAC record of two wins and four losses.

Throughout the whole summer the boys did not have a coach until Gary Hayes and Joe White got hired in at the end of the season.

The boys had a better record than they had in previous years. Both coaches being hired really made a difference this year.

The boys tennis team made it to sectionals playing Chesterton. They won the match with a score of three to two. However, in the match against Valparaiso they lost four to zero.

"Coach Hayes and Coach White pulled our team together and did a good job. I have high hopes for next year," junior Kyle Tampier said.

Story By Kelly Holtzman

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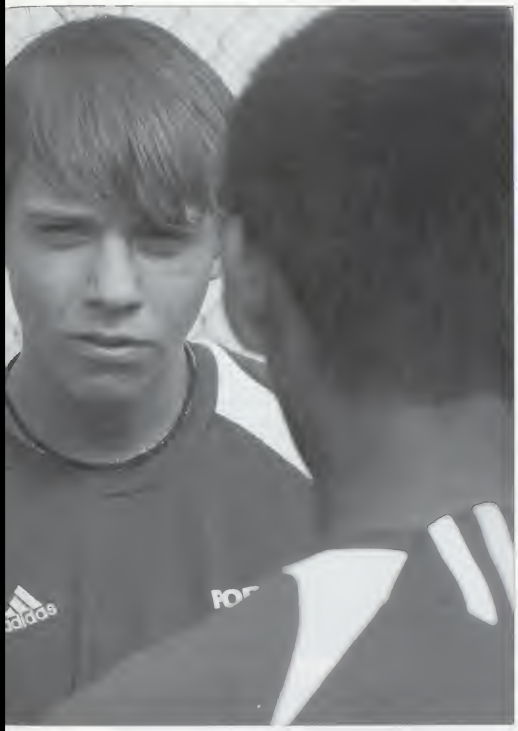
You hear about them, but are they really true? Find out what superstitions our favorite athletes not only believe, but follow to a "T"! Here are some superstitions from our boys tennis players!

1. I drink four bottles of orange juice and I always have to sing Aerosmith's song "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing" and after that I stretch out my lucky headband, wrap it on my tennis racket and then put it on my head. -Joe Todd.

2. Before a match I always have to eat Subway, Jimmy Johns, or Mcdonalds. -Shub Multani

3. I always wear the same white socks, and not eating gives me bad luck. -Micah Farley



Senior Tim Gehrels talks to junior Parth Patel before a meet. Gehrels and Patel are both players on the varsity team. *Photo By Brittany Johnson*

Senior Scott Reynolds looks to hit the ball during a match. Reynolds has been playing on the varsity team for three years. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Senior Tim Gehrels stands by the net offering instructions to his team mates to help them out. *Photo By Brittany Johnson*

FAST STATS

Hobart - *L*	Wheeler - *L*
Lake Station - *W*	Lake Central - *L*
Griffith - *W*	Highland Doubles - *3rd*
Lowell - *W*	Merrillville - *W*
Calumet - *W*	Chesterton - *W*
Valparaiso - *L*	Kankakee Valley - *W*
Gary Roosevelt - *W*	Andrean - *W*
LaPorte - *L*	Chesterton (Sect.) - *W*
Michigan City - *W*	Valparaiso (Sect.) - *L*

Junior Sarah Dienes watches her last shot. This is the third year that Dienes has been on the team. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

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"Golfs one of those life long games, you can play it at any age, young or old."

Nessa Junyanid, 12

"Golf takes up a lot of summer time, but it's what I love to do."

Sarah Dienes, 11

"I thought it was a great year. We made it to regionals for the first time in 8 years."

Marian Pack, Varsity Coach

New and Improved

"The season was a lot different this year because we got a new coach, Ms. Pack. She pushed us harder than my previous years and we made it to regionals," junior Sarah Dienes said.

The girls golf team made it to sectionals placing third and made it to regionals placing eleventh.

The girls overall record was 7-4 with a DAC record of 3-4.

"The girls from the team are really sweet and I enjoyed being with them. Coach Pack told us how it was going to be and pushed us. She knew just what to say to make us smile in a good or bad match," freshman Sydney Barcelli said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Sophomore Jessica Morris lines up her next shot at Robinhurst Golf Course in Portage. The team went 8-4 this year. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

Junior Sarah Dienes and senior Nessa Junyanid walk to the golf course with their equipment. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

FAST STATS

Boone Grove - *W*	LaPorte - *W*
Wheeler - *W*	Michigan City - *W*
Valparaiso - *L*	Chesterton - L
Lake Central - *L*	Merrillville - *W*
Crown Point - *L*	Wheeler/Lowell - *W*
Hobart - *W*	Valparaiso (sect.) - *3rd*
Hanover Central - *W*	LaPorte (Reg.) - *11th*

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Toughing It Out

Despite the girls volleyball record of eight wins and 24 loses, according to Britni Novina, "Doing volleyball during high school tought me good sportsmenshipi met new people."

The team had a difficult team set up this year.

"We have girls on our team that do not play year round. So it is harder on us when we play against girls that do play all the time," senior Jordan Steiger.

Many girls on the team agree with what Steiger said. Brittany Doll had some problems with the ethics and the attitudes of the girls this year.

"This year the girls were not playing as a team and they could not keep the drama off the court, if they would of done so we probably would of done bette" Doll said.

"Volleyball takes up a lot of time, and nobody really likes waking up early in the summer, but maybe we need to all be their so we can get more practice in, and as a team it will be better," junior Alicia Ciesielski said.

Story by Shawnna Vizena

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You hear about them, but are they really true? Find out what superstitions our favorite athletes not only believe, but follow to a "IT!"

1. "My superstition is that I put my rings in my sports bra." Bre Harver, 12

2. " My superstition is Don't eat Burger King before a game, eat Stake and Shake." Haley Snyder, 10

3. "My superstition is to always wear the same knee pads before my game because they are better." Eleanor Bloom,

4. "My superstition is to not eat milk shakes and to wear the same sports bra." Brittany Doll, 11

Senior Dani Bryan readys herself to set the ball during a home game. Bryan has been on the varsity volleyball team for three years. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

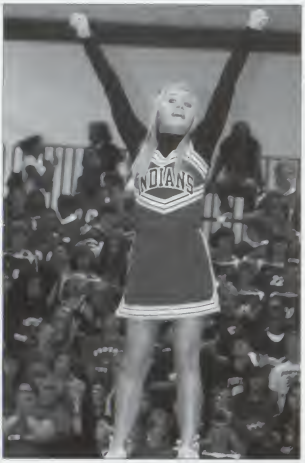
Senior Jordan Steiger looks to bump a ball during a home game against Morton. "We had ups and downs, but we found a way to pull it together in the end," Steiger said. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Before a game, the varsity volleyball teams huddles together to raise team spirit and to plan game strategy. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

FAST STATS

Andrean - *L*
Hobart - *W*
Morton - *W*
Boone Grove - *W*
Chesterton - *L*
Valparaiso - *L*
LaPorte - *L*
Logansport Tourney - *4L*
Lake Central - *W*
Michigan City - *L*
Crown Point - *W*
Merrillville - *W*
Highland - *L*
Chesterton - *L*
Valparaiso - *L*
CP Tourney - *1W, 3L*
Lowell - *L*
LaPorte - *L*
Munster - *L*
Lake Central - *L*
Michigan City - *L*
Crown Point - *L*
Merrillville - *W*
Wheeler - *L*
Hobart (sect.) - *L*

Junior Clarice Sanders is lifted into the air by a fellow cheerleader during a basketball game this year. Sanders is a member of the varsity squad. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*



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I'm happy for my coaches, Emily and Lisa because we wouldn't be where we are without them."

Jocelyn Sloan, 11

"We've come a long way since my first year, and I'm proud of my team that we've come this far."

Julie Fletcher, 12

They've got spirit, yes they do; how about you?

"I love cheer and supporting our Indians. Although our team is different and each girl is unique we all come together and make a great team!" junior Clarice Sanders said.

The cheerleaders cheer for both football and basketball. At the end of basketball season they start competing in competitions.

Last year the team had gained two boys, Maverick Miller and Joey Cepolski. They really helped the team out but unfortunately this year couldn't finish the season.

"We excelled a lot of their stunts so after we left they had to learn new routines but that's not stopping them from keeping the school spirit or eachother up," junior Maverick Miller said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders hold up signs to help encourage the crowd to cheer on the varsity football team during a Friday night game. *Photo by Rachel Jordon*

Junior Sarah Handley holds a Portage sign while cheering on the varisty boys basketball team. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Portage cheerleaders Erica Telez and Breane Beal cheer while being held in the air by their teammates. *Photo by Rachel Jordon*

Sophomore Jessica Lay and the junior varsity poms girls dance during half time at a Portage basketball game. *Photo by Rochel Jordon*

Senior Rosaido Rosado performs during the homecoming pep rally. "My favorite part was the way we all connected; just like were sisters in a family." *Photo by Rochel Jordan*

Freshman Brooke Wiseman, sophomores Lisa Cruz, Brittany Winter, and senior Braelyn Rasco dance during a varsity basketball game. *Photo by Rochel Jordon*

Hey, Captain! What makes your leadership skills

"I've really grown as a person from the last four years of being in dance. It's really developed my leadership skills and I've met a lot of great people."

Amber Riley, 12

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VARSITY POMS

Just Dance!

The poms dancers are a group of very strong girls, who overcame difficult situations this year.

The girls lost their coach in the middle of their season and for a while were practicing on their own.

Luckily, in the summer they went to Civics Dance Center and were trained by Natalie Koloci.

After their coach left, Kolici came and volunteered to help coach them.

The girls made it to state, placing second in hip-hop and third in poms.

"It was really frustrating when coach quit, but when Natalie came, it was a huge turn around for our team," senior, Braelyn Rasco said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

The Bowling Team On a Roll...

"I'm so proud of our girls bowling team by placing sixth out of 198 teams in the state." junior Rebekah Saikin said.

The girls bowling team went really far this year, placing in the top ten in the state. The girls were really on a roll and had a very good season.

The boys bowling team made it to semi-state but lost. They were conference champions and bowled a national record with 29 strikes in a row!

The boys had a high game series of 1358.

"The bowling team is like a family." junior, Jacob Glass said

The family aspect of the team because in order to go that far you have to stick together and that is exactly what they did.

They made a really good team and showed everyone what they had.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

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1. " I always use my same bowling ball and always listen to music before a competition; it makes me feel like I'll do better" junior, Megan Hammons.

2. "I always use the same bowling ball at very big competitions. It is what I am used to and it feels right." senior, Kate Dwyer.

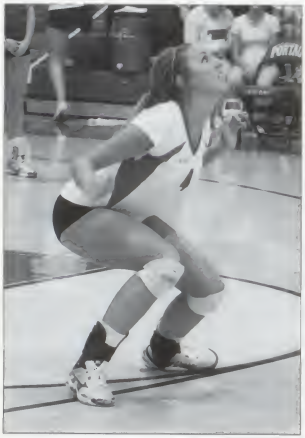
3. "I just wear the same shoes and socks. And like everyone else, we all use the same bowling ball."
junior, Rebekah Saikin.

Members of the girls and boys bowling teams salute the flag before the start of a tournament. *Photo provided by Rebekah Saikin*

Junior Rebekah Saikin celebrates after throwing a strike. Saikin and her teammates qualified for the state tournament this year. *Photo provided Rebekah Saikin*

Head girls coach Debbie Gosset poses for a picture with team members juniors RebekahSaikin, Megan Morris, Jackie Mayers, Megan Hammons and senior Jayme Spencer. *Photo provided by Rebekah Saikin*

Senior Tim Gehrels readies himself to serve the ball to a team mate during a practice. Gehrels has been playing for four years. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*



Senior Danielle Bryan anticipates the volleyball from the opposing team. Bryan has participated on the volleyball team for all four years of her high school career. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Senior Kyle Adkins catches a ball during a home soccer game. Adkins played soccer for four years during his high school career and was on varsity for three out of the four years. *Photo By Rachel Jordan*

Mckenzie Harsha, Track and Field

"Even though we all have seperate events, it's a good team sport. I'm not playing in college but my favorite high school memory is when I placed fourth in reginols my junior year."

Drew Keil, Football

"I liked most the team aspect and all the friends you make. My friends got me into football. I'm really going to miss Coach Pete."

Emily Barnes, Girls Swimming

"When I started swimming I met a lot of cool people who were encouraging and a lot of fun. The upper classmen were really encouraging and made it fun and that made me do the same thing and follow by example."

Damonte Lowery, Basketball

"I want to play in college but I'm not sure. I know I want to stay close to my family and friends. The best part was hanging out with my teamates and having fun."

SENIOR ATHLETES

Leaving Their Mark

Senior athletes have many choices to make during their senior year. Not only do they have to choose if they are attending college, but also which college to attend. Once that desicion is made, they have to decide if they want to pursue the sport they participate in.

College athletics can be slightly different than high school sport teams. However, the drive and determination instilled in athletes at PHS prepares them for college sports.

"The team aspect and all the friends you make was the best part," senior football player Drew Keil said.

Many senior athletes said that the best part of high school sports was all the friends they accquired and that hey don't plan on continuing their sport in college. Others, however, said it was what they grew up doing and they are planning on pursuing college sports.

Senior swimmer Kendrick Lo swam on the boys team for four years, all on varsity. After being captin his senior year, he said that just being part of the team was a great part of the sport. Lo is attending Purdue University and plans on engaging in some sort of swimming.

Senior athletes are important to all of Portage's sports teams. Every sports team has a night to congradulate, honor, and say farewell to the seniors. No matter what the sport, "Senior Night"- is always a highly attended event.

Whether they be a captin of their team, or just another necessary member, seniors will always have a place in PHS sports.

Story by Rachel Jordan

Senior Steve Perry anticipates the jump ball during the home game against LaPorte. Perry is involved in many clubs, yet he always makes time for his teammates.
Photo by Brianne Majewski

Ask anyone, I'm **UNstoppable!**

"I'm going to miss my team, and my friends. Basketball is defintly one of my favorite times."

Keenan Ruzga, 12

"I've had a great time playing basketball, I love it, YEAH, basketball!"

Steve Perry, 12

"Basketball has been awesome. There is nothing that I would change, ever in a million trillion zillion years."

Eric Lee, 12

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Keeping It Together

"The boys are extremely hard workers who have done a lot of positive things this season." said Coach Snodgrass.
The boys had a rough season and played very good teams. The season ended with 3 wins and 18 losses.
The boys also had a DAC record of 1 and 14.
Through it all though, they stuck it out.
It wasn't a lack of working hard, they worked hard everyday. They just played very good teams and in every game one team wins, one team loses.
The Varsity consists of a lot of seniors and they will be leaving this year with a lot more coming into playing basketball next season, and the team is more than hopeful.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Senior Eric Lee attempts to work his way around LaPorte's zone defense. Lee has participated in basketball for all four years of his high school career.
Photo by Brianne Majewski

Varsity basketball players make their way off the court in order to discuss the next play that should be used. The boy's overall record was 3-13.
Photo by Brianne Majewski

FAST STATS

Michigan City - *L*	Chesterton - *L*
Anderson - *L*	LaPorte - *L*
Hobart- *W*	Kankakee Valley - *W*
Valparaiso - *L*	Lake Central - *L*
LaPorte - *L*	Michigan City - *L*
Chesterton - *L*	Chesterton - *L*
Lake Central - *L*	Crown Point - *L*
Crown Point - *L*	Merrillville - *L*
Merrillville - *L*	Chesterton - *L*
Valparaiso - *L*	Sectionals- *W, L*

Junior Tori Bliss prepares to make a free throw shot during a game in which they played Michigan City. The Lady Indians won with a score of 57-55.
Photo by Brianne Majewski

Junior Carly Bermes attempts to break away with a steal from the Michigan City defensive players. Bermes is an active athlete, as she also participates on the Lady Indian's soccer team.
Photo by Brianne Majewski

Hey, Captain! What makes your team. . .

"I was influenced by the leaders before me, and it made me really want to be a good captain. Our team really pulled together and became like a small family. We got very close to each other."

Brianne Wishman, 12

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GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Getting your head in the game

This year, the Lady Indians had a pretty good season with a record of 12-10, and a record of 7-7 during the DAC conference.

"This year everyone had a lot of fun. Even though it was hard work, it all worked out in the end," freshman Heather Zengler said.

During this years sectionals, junior Tori Bliss scored 23 points against LaPort, senior Tara Ellis scored eight points, and junior Jawanza Woods and senior Bri Wishmen both scored three points each. The overall score was 39-28.

In sectionals the Indians faced the Vikings. Unfortunately that was not a win for the Indians with the score of 51-38.

"This has been a wonderful year, and I can't believe its almost over." senior Jabria Ezell said.

Story by Shawnna Vizena

FAST STATS

Highland - *W*
Crown Point - *W*
Andrean - *W*
Merrillville - *L*
Hobart - *L*
Michigan City - *L*
Valparaiso - *W*
LaPorte - W
Chesterton - L
Lake Central - L
Griffith- L
Munster- W 21

GYMNASTICS

Bars, Beams, and a lot of skill

Gymnastics is a sport that people think makes the impossible look easy. The gymnastics team practice almost everyday.

"We have to practice so much to accomplish our goals, and we have to work at our skills so we do not mess up when we are up," said Ali Johnson.

This season started off with many injuries, but the team did not show it.

"Before I landed on my head at a meet, the girls were chanting the saying: 'If you are going to eat mat eat it hard!' Now they are forbidden to say that at any meet." freshman Mackenzie Barcelli said.

Senior Ashley Farley started off the season on a good note. On the February 1 meet against Hobart, Farley broke the school vault record with a score of 9.7.

"Vault has always been my best event, so to break the record in that event was one of the most exciting time that has ever happened" Farley said.

Story by Shawnna Vizena and Rachel Jordan

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1. "My superstition would have to be when I'm doing my beam I have to have music playing." Ashley Farley, 12

2. "My superstition is people have to cheer me on every event I do because I feel like I will do my personal best!" Paige Bomba, 11

3. "When I do my beam, the mats under it have to be even." Ali Johnson, 10

4. " Ali Johnson cannot watch my vault." Mackenzie Barcelli, 9

Freshman Lyndsey Cunningham is doing her beam routine during practice. *Photo by Brianne Majewski*

Junior Paige Bomba lines up to practice her vault so she can get better as practice goes on. *Photo by Brianne Majewski*

Sophomore Marissa Taylor does her split leap on the beam during practice after school to be ready for the up coming meets. *Photo by Brianne Majewski*

FAST STATS

Laporte pairs- 3rd
Michigan City- W
Laporte- L
Crown Point- L
Hobart- W
Merrillville- L
Lowell- W
Lake Central- W
Chesterton- L
Valparaiso- L

Senior Michael Torres attempts to pin his opponent during regionals. The team won against Munster and lost against Crown Point.

Senior Michael Torres, one of the captains of the wrestling team, has been wrestling all four years of his high school career.
"Despite always dealing with injuries he had a good season making it to regionals," Torres said.
Photo by Rachel Jordan

Senior Sean McMurray is our three time state champion, and also went to state freshman year. He signed and is going to Michigan State to wrestle in college.
Photo by Rachel Jordan

Hey, Captain! What makes your team. . .

"We have a lot of different personalities, but we blend well together. As a team we are loose, but when we're in competition mode, we know when to do business."

Micahel Torres, 12

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WRESTLING

Taking it to the mat and farther...

This season the varsity wrestling team had a record of 18 wins and 7 loses, with and record at DAC of 4 wins and 2 loses.

The wrestling team had an unbelievable year when they had senior Sean McMurray win state three years in a row. McMurray was Portage's first wrestler to go to state four times and place. Junior Luis Acuna and Brandon Coppinger also went to state but did not get the winning title.

At the individual regionals the champions were juniors Luis Acuna, Brandon Coppinger and seniors Aaron King and Sean McMurray. Senior Damien Torres said, " This was one of the best years for Portage, and I'm glad I got to experience it."

Story by Shawnna Vizena

FAST STATS

Chesterton - W
Merrillville - L
Michigan City - W
Valparaiso - W
LaPorte - W
Lake Central - W

Hobart Invite - 2nd place
Sectional- 1st place
DAC @ Chesterton- 5th place

Holding their breath for first place

Swimming is not just getting in the water and playing around. For the boys swimming team, it takes hard work, skill, and determination.

The boys swim team completed their season with a record of 6-4, and a DAC record of 3 wins and 4 loses

There are many different events in swimming, including an event called "the fly". Fly is short for Butterfly.

"It took me a year and a half to learn how to fly, it's like doing the worm under water," sophomore Nick Longoria said.

This is one of the more difficult events, according to Longoria. All the views vary depending on the swimmer, however.The boys also have their different views of how to go faster.

"Most of the team will save their head, but I wear my spedos, a cap will also help for some more speed," freshman Zack Swets said.

From the exact form to little tips and tricks, all the boys are thankful for everything their coaches taught them.

"Throughout my four years, I made amounts of diffent awards, thanks to the coaches and all the guys together made everything fun and I liked every minute of it," senior Even Dominguez said.

Story by Rachel Jordan, Shawnna Vizena

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1. "My superstition is that I have to listen to the same song before any kind of meet." Garrett Piers, 10

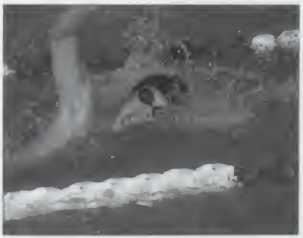
2. "My super superstition is I have to wear the same pair of goggles." Billy Piers, 10.

3. "My superstition is I have to wear the same soxs before the meet and i have to bring my stuffed duck Howard." Kendrick Lo, 12

4. "My superstition is that every final I wear a stretchy spedo and eat the exact same thing." Alec back, 12

Senior Evan Dominguez uses his body strength to push himself out of the water while doing a swim routine. *Photo by Steven Saylor*

Senior Kendrick Lo takes a breather after a race. Lo placed numerous times in different races throughout the season. Lo, a four year letterer, plans on attending Purdue University after high school and possibly swimming. *Photo By Steven Saylor*



Senior Kendrick Lo lifts his head during a race to take a breath. Lo has been on the varisty swimming team for four years, and lettered all four years. *Photo By Steven Saylor*

FAST STATS

Munster - *W*
Calumet - *W*
Lake Central - *W*
Merrillville - *W*
Crown Point - *L*
Chesterton - *L*
Michigan City - *W*
Valparaiso - L
LaPorte - W
Wheeler - W

Senior Sean Mcmurray stands with his mother and father in the PHS library during his college signing. McMurray plans on attending Michigan State. *Photo by Melissa Deavers*

Senior Christina Gonzalez and sophmore Sierra King celebrating their accomplishments during senior night at a swim meet. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Captin of the swim team, senior Chris Schrier, stands with his parents on senior night. Schrier lettered four years in a row in swimming and plans on swimming in college. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

What makes you...

"I accomplished everything I was set out to do, and I will be diving for Purdue."

Alec Back, 12

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STATE-GOERS

And the winners are...

Many students excel in atheletics. However, only the best make it all the way to state. Portage High school is lucky enough to have a handful of students that did that, and some even did it more than once in their high school career.

Senior Sean McMurray went to state for wrestling this year and placed first. This is the third time McMurray has placed in state. After much thought, he decided on attending Michigan State University. He plans on wrestling in college.

McMurray is not the only athlete to go to state. Seniors Alec Back, Christina Gonzalez, and Chris Schrier all went to state. Back plans on attending Purdue to dive, while Gonzalez will be swimming at Indiana University Bloomington.

Sophomore Sierra King also went to state for swimming.

"I'm happy I went to state again as a sophomore. I went my freshman year too, but I hope next year I qualify in more events," King said.

As the seniors leave and pass on the encouragement and knowledge to the underclassmen, they leave their footprints behind. These state-goers have some pretty big footprints to fill.

Story By Rachel Jordan and Kelly Holtzman

Junior Mayra Martinez practices her backstroke during practice one day. Martinez has participated on the swimming team for all three years in her high school career. *Photo by Steven Saylor*

Ask anyone, I'm **UNstoppable!**

"This was my first year swimming ever. It was really hard, but worth it, and I had a lot of fun!"

Lauryn Sanders, 9

"If you have a lane, you have a chance."

Taylor Bayer, 10

"Our mentality grew, and we did exactly what our coaches said we were capable of."

Elizabeth Saylor,11

"This must include a really good quote from an athlete about his or her best skill. You can also ask why they love the sport."

Emily Barnes, 12

No Lane Dividers Here

The girl swimmers and divers are more than just a group of girls that come together as a team; they are close, they are friends.

"Our team got closer this year. It's as close as we've ever been since I've been in highschool," senior Christina Gonazalaz said.

"This year was more fun than any other year. The team bonded more than ever," senior Seiche Dogan said.

The girls had a record of 5 wins and 6 losses, with a DAC record of 2 wins and 5 losses. The team also went to state and placed 20th.

"The team really got to know each other very well, and it was a lot of fun. I will miss them," senior Emily Barnes said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

Sophomore Lauren Haddox practices her diving skills during an after school practice. Haddox plans to continue her diving career for her next two years of high school.
Photo by Steven Saylor

One of the members of the girls swim team practices one of her strokes before a meet one day.
Photo by Steven Saylor

FAST STATS

Hobart - *W*	Valparaiso - L
Highland - *L*	LaPorte - W
Lake Central - *L*	Calumet - W
Merrillville - *W*	
Crown Point - *L*	
Chesterton - *L*	
Michigan City - *L*	

So much to do in so little time

Participating in school sports can sometimes add various stresses to a student athlete's already busy life. The requirement to pass their classes, go to practice on time and perform well at meets, matches and games are just a few of these stressors.

"In order for students to get a sports scholarship, they must meet the academic requirements," Portage High School principal Caren Swickard said.

For senior soccer player Holly Tharp, time management is vital to her success both on the field and in the classroom.

" When I have practices and games all the time, I keep my grades up by the most important thing; Time management," Tharp said.

Senior soccer player Jon Cox understands the importance of grades because school can "lead to a productive career," but he also knows how to have fun with his sport.

"Sports are a great way to have a great time while meeting new people," Cox said.

Story by Shawnna Vizena

What makes you...

"I had to make sure that most of my work was done during the school day."
Holly Tharp, 12

"I stay organized, focused, used my time wisely, and slept very little."
Jon Cox, 12

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Junior Kyle Tampier attempts to return a serve from his opponent during a home meet.
Photo by Rachel Jordan

Sophomore Lauren Haddox prepares for her dive during one of her meets. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Sophomore Abby Trader competes in her first indoor relay meet of the year. *Photo by Brianne Majewski*

Senior Michael Torres swings during a home game this season. In the April 19 game against Laporte, Torres added a triple in the game. After this win, the team became ranked 14th in the state. *Photo by Dana Haywood*

Junior Jeff Craig practices his pitching skills in the field house with his fellow teammates. *Photo by Dana Haywood*

Senior varsity pitcher Dylan Ozbolt throws the the ball during warm-ups before a home game. During the April 12 game, Dylan Ozbolt pitched four and two-thirds innings to pick up his first varsity win of the year. *Photo by Dana Haywood*

Junior Tony Checky readys himself for a pitch during a varsity home game. Checky normally plays center field and also plays for the junior varsity team when needed. In the first JV game this year against Elkhart Memorial, Tony Cheky had 2 home runs and 5 RBI's. *Photo by Dana Haywood*

BASEBALL

A winning season with winning attitudes

The Portage Indians varisty baseball team followed through with a 13-9 season.

According to head coach Tim Pirowski, the top three players this year were senior Tommy Mosley and sophomores Tony Cheky and Cody Jackson. The one thing all three players agree on is, "baseball is my life."

Baseball is more than a sport to these boys.

Knowing that he is considered one of the top three players, Mosley says, "My hard work is finally paying off. Winning MVP at the Railcats game was one of my favorite baseball memories."

These boys worked hard for their winning record.

Defensivly and offensivly, these boys were always in the game.

Story by Bri Majewski

FAST STATS

Elkhart Mem. - *W*	Chesterton - *W*	Chesterton - *W*
Griffith - *W*	Gavit - *W*	Valparaiso - *W*
Highland - *L*	Valparaiso - *L*	Lake Central - *L*
Lowell - *W*	Lake Central- *L*	Merrillville - *L*
Munster - *W*	Merrillville - *W*	Whiting - *W*
Boone Grove - *W*	Crown Point - *L*	Morton - *W*
Crown Point - *L*	South Central- *W*	Hobart - *W*
Michigan City - *W*	Michigan City- *W*	Michigan City - *W*
Hammond- *W*	LaPorte - *L*	Crown Point - *L*
LaPorte - *L*	Hobart - *L*	

It's Out'a Here!

The Lady Indians varsity softball team finished the year with a winning record of 13-11 and 7-6 in the DAC.

The top three leaders of this year's softball team are senior Dani Bryan and juniors Kylie Someson and Kristen Ashby, according to coach Gill Arzola.

Bryan played the last game of her high school softball career this year in sectionals against Crown Point.

"It is a great honor and shows I am responsible to be one of the leaders of this team," Bryan says. "Through my whole high school career of playing softball, I'd have to say beating Chesterton in sectionals my freshman and junior year to win sectionals have been my favorite memories."

Other team leaders still have a year left to lead their team. They plan on working hard and improving their skills for next year.

"Softball is my future," Ashby says.

The three leaders were honored to be picked and both of the junior leaders hope to be such a big influence next year also.

"Softball is about having fun with my friends," Someson said. "Also, being a leader of this team is awesome! All my hard work is finally paid off!"

Story by Bri Majewski

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1. "I wear the same red headband before every game because it gives me good luck!" Junior Natalie Korpak

2. "I have to talk to my bestfriend Jessica before every game followed by listening to William Hung's song, 'She Bangs.' Then I jam out!" Junior Kylie Someson

3. "I always listen to Ms. Becky before every game, it puts me in a good mood." Sophomore Marisa Rodriguez

Junior Dani Lynch throws into home plate during a game. Lynch is starting varsity first basemen. *Photo by HR Imaging*

Junior Kristen Ashby throws the ball into the infield during a home game. Ashby normally rotates through the outfield during games. On the May 5 game agaisnt Michigan City, Ashby had three hits and helped contribute offensively for the win. *Photo by HR Imaging*

Senior Kali Norfrey readies herself while catching during a game against the LaPorte Slicers. The game ended in a tough loss against the Slicers 1-5. *Photo by HR Imaging*

FAST STATS

Andrean - *L*
Hebron - *W*
Lake Central - *W*
Merrillville - *W*
Hobart - *W*
Crown Point - *L*
Michigan City - *W*
Harrison - W
LaPorte - W
Chesterton - L
Valparaiso - W
Lake Central - W
Merrillville - W
Crown Point - L
Michigan City - L
LaPorte - L
Penn - L
Valparaiso - W
Chesterton - L
Highland - W
Munster - L
Valparaiso - W
Crown Point - L

junior Nathan Smock looks down at the ground estimating how much power he should put into his swing during a practice at Robbinhurst Golf Course. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

Ask anyone, I'm **UNstoppable!**

"My best skill would be short game, and I enjoy the success of winning. "

Rhoshawn Johnson, 12

" My best skill in golf is the long game, and the sport is a lot of fun, and a great way to meet new people."

Tim Talley, 11

"Putting is one of the best skills I have. The sport is relaxing and I personally like my team."

James Brasseur, 10

"My best skill for golf would be my accuracy toward the ball, and golf is a good way to start off high school."

Nick Lewis, 9

Working Together to Improve

The varsity boys golf record overall was 7-7, and the DAC record was 2-5. The head coach Dick Kretz and assistant coach Jay Hodges had been instructing the golf boys for many years together. The pair have undoubtedly won the appreciation of all the members of the golf team.

"Having coach Kretz and Hodges there for us helps us understand the sport of golf. They help us out when we are doing something wrong," senior Rhoshawn Johnson said.

On May 22, the varsity boys had a season record with a score of 330. The combined scores of Tim Talley, Kyle Adkins, Jack Lewis and Nate Smock made this possible.

"It was a great feeling being a part of the team to get the season's best score. I hope it will be higher next time," Talley said.

The team tied for fifth during the DAC invite at Sand Creek on May 24. They plan on continuing practice to improve their game for next year.

Story by Rachel Jordan and Shawnna Vizena

Senior Ryan Kaminski practices his swing while head coach Dick Kretz and assistant coach Jay Hodges observe. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

Senior Kyle Adkins taps the ball very gently, trying to get it into the hole during a meet at Robbinhurst Golf Course. Adkins has been in golf for four years. *Photo provided by HR Imaging*

FAST STATS

Griffith- *W*	Crown Point - *L*
Boone Grove - *L*	LaPorte - *L*
River Forest - *W*	Valparaiso - *L*
LaLumiere - *L*	Lake Central - *L*
TL Invite - *13th*	Crown Point - *L*
Hanover Cen. - *W*	LaPorte - *L*
Munster - *L*	Lake Central - *L*
Merrillville - *W*	Valparaiso - *L*
Michigan City - *W*	Merrillville - *W*
KV Invite - *3rd*	Michigan City - *W*
Highland - *W*	Chesterton - L
Chesterton - *L*	DAC Invite - *5th*

Girls work toward best record in ten years

The girls completed their season with a record of 3 wins and 4 losses in the DAC and an overall record of 13-7. After a hard-working season, the team made it to sectionals, but fell short at the end.

"The team tried their hardest at the sectional, and even though we lost sectionals, it was nice that Carly [Bermes, junior]and I came out with the wins," senior Britini Novina said.

Even though the team did not win the sectional game on May 20, Bermes and Novina won their matches.

"I'm very happy that I'll be moving on from sectionals. It makes me feel good about myself because I never let the team down," Bermes said.

This year the girls had the best record in over a decade. The team felt really good about the goal that they accomplished and how high they set the bar for the years to come.

"The girls played a good season this year, considering it was their best record in over a decade and it was wonderful that I was able to be a part of it with the wins I put in," senior Bre Harvey said.

Story by Shawnna Vizena

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1. "My supperstitution is that I always have to wear my lucky green tank top." Junior Devan Doherty

2. "My supperstitution is I have to wear my patrick star watch." Sophomore Brittney Hopper

3. "My superstition is that I have to eat before every match." Junior Carly Bermes

4. "My superstitution is that I always have to tap my racket and I have my braclets in the same order before every meet." Senior Amanda Klenk

Sophomore Brittney Hopper lowers her racket and readies to swing towards the tennis ball while warming up before a match. *Photo by HR Imaging*

Sophomore Kacie McGuire races towards the ball in an attempt to hit it over the net. *Photo by HR Imaging*

Senior Britni Novina warms up before a match during a home meet. Novina has been a member of the gilrs tennis team for four years and on the varsity team for three. *Photo by HR Imaging*

FAST STATS

Marquette - *W*	Crown Point - W
Wheeler - *W*	Highland - L
Griffith - *W*	Chesterton - L
Hobart - *W*	Lake Central - W
Morton - *W*	East Chicago - W
New Prarie - *L*	Merrillville - L
Andrean - *W*	Michigan City - L
Morton - W	LaPorte - W
Boone Grove - W	Lowell - W
Valparaiso - L	Valparaiso - L

Senior JaBria Ezell runs past the finish line during her 100m dash. Ezell has been a member of the varsity track team for four years. During the home meet on April 8, Ezel helped achieve a first place relay in the 4x100. The other members of the relay include: Kristy Evans, Ashley Smith and Ashley Farley. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Member of the girls track team ready themselves during the indoor season by doing lunges around the field house. This year the team qualified five athelets duing the indoor track state meet at Purdue. Tori Bliss qualified in the shot put. Christina Del Turco, Jawanza Woods, Abby Trader and Terra Norman will be competing in the distance medley. *Photo by Steven Saylor*

Ask anyone, I'm

"The team was really nice and welcoming. I am excited for next year, and I beat some personal records this year."

Olivia Forrester, 9

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Breaking records and dropping jaws

"I had a really good season. It was my first year doing track and it definately won't be my last. I made a lot of new friends and it is sad to see them go, but there are always new friends to make the upcoming year," sophmore Alex Bustos said.

The girls track team has seven seniors leaving, with many underclassmen left to take the lead and come back next year.

The Lady Indians' overall record this year was four wins and four losses. The DAC record was 3 wins with 4 losses.

Similar to the boys track team this year, the girls had a lot of injuries also, which was a set back. Despite the injuries, the team had many great accomplishments to brag about.

Junior Tori Bliss set a new school record of 48' 5" in shot. Not only did Bliss set a new school record, she also made it to state as she was seated fourth in discus and first in shot. In the end, Bliss threw 144' 2" in discus and 48' 8" in shotput, as she was named state champion in discus and shotput. Bliss has been the seventh person in Indiana since 1980 to win both titles.

This is the third year Bliss has won a state title. Returning as a senior next year, she hopes to take a four year sweep.

Story by Kelly Holtzman, Karaline Cartagena and Rachel Jordan

Junior Terra Norman pulls ahead of her teammate, junior Christina Delturco, and a Chesterton runner. Norman has been a varsity runner for three years. During sectionals, she took first in her two mile run. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

Shakeia Boyd jumps during her 100m hurdle race at a home meet. During her heat, Boyd was racing against only the clock, as she was the only member of the track team hurdling this specific heat. *Photo by Rachel Jordan*

FAST STATS

Boone Grove - *W*
Michigan City - *W*
Lake Central - *L*
Valparaiso - *L*
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Junior Detrek Suggs attempts to recover from an injury during one of the track meets with the personal trainers. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Junior Jacob Dixon starts off his sprint as he races against a Valparaiso runner. Dixon qualified to go to state this year for long jump. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Sophomore Alvin Best lifts his body as he attempts his high jump. At the April 27 meet, Best led the way winning the high jump and the 400. *Photo by Sharom Gil*

Senior Tyler Monohan practices his throwing skills during practice after school as he prepares for his first meet. Monohan was named MVP of the year. *Photo by Steven Saylor*

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Toughing it out through the pain

"We stepped up this year, but one downfall was all the injuries our team had. I will miss my team and coaches, and I will be back to visit for training from them," senior, Anthony Nichols said.

The track team's overall record was five wins and three losses with a DAC record of four wins and three losses.

The boys placed third at the DAC meet at Crown Point Highschool and fourth place at the DAC meet in Chesterton.

"This years season was so much fun. I really got along with my team. It is like a bromance!" sophmore, Robert Blackwell said.

Story by Kelly Holtzman

FAST STATS

Munster - *W*
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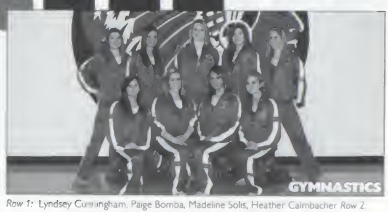

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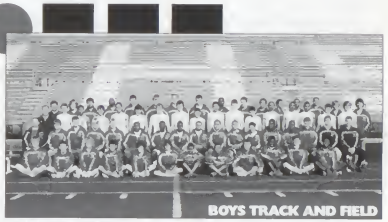

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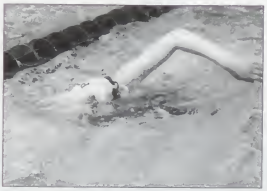

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